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Peres, Reagan talks set for Washington

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres will meet with President Reagan in Washington on Oct. 9, it was announced here. The arrangements were concluded at a meeting of Peres with U.S. ambassador Samuel Lewis.

Peres will also confer in Washington with secretary of State George Shultz and their talks are expected to focus on economic matters.

Peres' 2-day working visit to Washington establishes the time frame in which the new Labor-Likud unity government must set in motion its economic austerity program.

Peres is expected to seek additional large economic aid from U.S. beyond the more than $2 billion the Reagan administration has allocated in outright grants for fiscal 1985. The government's economic program therefore must be seen as viable in the U.S. by the time Peres meets with the President and secretary of state.

Lewis told reporters that, while presidents campaigning for re-election have little time to see visiting foreign dignitaries, Israel's "special relationship" with the U.S. made a difference in this case. He said there was "great receptivity" in Washington to the new Premier and the unity government.

Peres will be preceded to Washington by Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai, who will hold talks with top administration officials later this month.

Welcome to Canada

We join with Canadians throughout our country in welcoming Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh who are currently visiting us. They are in Ontario this week.[Canapress photos].

Painful choices seen for Israelis: O'Neil

(Compiled from JTA dispatches)

The Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Thomas O'Neil, said last week that Israel's challenge is to achieve an economy of austerity without weakening its defences or tattering the social fabric of its society.

O'Neil made his comments days after the Israeli government devalued the shekel by 9%.

Speaking to an Israel Bonds dinner in Boston, O'Neil said the goals of Israel's new national unity government are "sustainable economic improvement; realistic but improved living standards on all levels of Israeli society; and, most important, progress in securing peace and security not only for the State of Israel but for the entire region, so that cooperation and prosperity can displace the mistrust and hostility that continue to plague the Middle East."

The congressman said that "cooperation with the United States promises to improve Israel's ability to pay for its defence by bringing efficiency into Israel's domestic defence industry and by altering the terms of United States aid to Israel. But the only way to dramatically reduce the cost of Israel's defence would be to bring a lasting peace to that region so that less defence will be needed."

He asserted that unless Israel goes through a painful period of restraint, even generous aid from the United States will not be able to prop up its reeling economy. "The new government of Israel," he said, "will have to make some painful choices."

Meanwhile, Israeli finance minister Yitzhak Modai called the latest devaluation a moderate one. He said the devaluation, which brings the shekel down to an official rate of about 400 to $1 (U.S.), would not be followed by any "big" devaluations.

Economics Minister Gad Yaacobi reported that the government's coffers were emptied of more than $60 million last week as the public rushed to buy dollars in anticipation of a further devaluation of the shekel. The lower the shekel, the more expensive the dollar on both the official and the black markets.

Bank of Israel sources who had been opposed to a new devaluation said that they could live with the 9% reduction if it is followed by a broad economic austerity program.

The government is, in fact, preparing sweeping economic measures. The 9% devaluation and a cor-

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Plan for Lebanon withdrawal

UN hopes Israel will listen

By **SHELDON KIRSHNER**

United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar is urging Israel to withdraw from Lebanon in line with a proposal he submitted to the Israeli government last March.

Speaking on the eve of last week's opening of the 39th session of the General Assembly, he expressed the hope that Shimon Peres, who had listened to his plan "with great attention and interest," would now agree to it as Israel's new Prime Minister.

Perez de Cuellar proposed an expanded role for the United Nations Interim force in Lebanon(UNIFIL) — which was formed in 1978 after Israel's mini invasion of Lebanon, but which became irrelevant in the wake of Israel's 1982 incursion.

He suggested that the Lebanese government should gain sovereignty over the area Israel vacates, following an indeterminate UNIFIL occupation.

Yitzhak Shamir, the then-Prime Minister, was not keen about the UN proposal when it was brought up. Israel is dubious about UNIFIL's ability to maintain security in southern Lebanon after its withdrawal, and it prefers that the South Lebanon Army should patrol the border region.

Armed, financed and trained by Israel, the South Lebanon Army is a small Christian-Moslem militia commanded by Gen. Antoine Lahad, a Lebanese who succeeded Major Saad Haddad, until his death, Israel's chief Lebanese proxy in southern Lebanon.

Last week, as Perez de Cuellar resurrected his proposal, his deputy, Brian Urquhart, wound up a brief visit to Israel. His purpose was to gauge Israel's current attitude to a stronger UNIFIL presence in southern Lebanon. (See Mideast Analysis, page 8).

There were no indications what he learned in Jerusalem, but an Agence Presse report from Holland quoted Israeli President Chaim Herzog as saying that negotiations were already under way with Urquhart toward an Israeli withdrawal. Israeli sources said Herzog's revelation was at best premature. Herzog was in Holland for an official visit.

UNIFIL's mandate comes up for renewal on Oct. 19, two weeks after Yitzhak Shamir, now foreign minister, addresses the General Assembly. The mandate for UNDOF

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U.S. leases Israeli jets

TEL AVIV —

The state-owned Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) has handed over to the U.S. Navy the first three of 12 Israeli-designed and built Kfir fighters, to be used by the Americans for training purposes.

The dozen aircrafts are being leased to the U.S., with the balance of nine planes to be delivered at the rate of three a month from the beginning of next year.

The Israeli Kfirs will be used by U.S. navy pilots to simulate enemy aircraft in training for air battles.

According to IAI director Shalom Ariav, the importance of the deal goes far beyond the $70 million in the first stage Israel will receive over the next three years.

American choice and use of the aircraft will make known and appreciated throughout the world the IAI products. The Israeli aircraft designers and builders are now planning construction of the new generation Lavie.

A team of U.S. navy pilots is in Israel training to use the aircraft, and 15 IAI technicians will be going to the U.S. to help maintain and service the Kfirs there.

According to U.S. naval captain Ernest Lewis, who heads the American pilots' delegation, the Kfir is "a very good plane" which fully answers American requirements for an aircraft against which American pilots can train in combat tactics.

Israel reduces trade deficit

NEW YORK —

"Strong economic medicine" has enabled Israel to reduce its trade deficit for the first eight months of the year by 25% or $560 million, it was reported last week by the economic offices of the government of Israel in New York.

The pace of the improvements quickened last month, when the trade gap was narrowed by 40% compared to August, 1983, according to Uri Oren, an Israeli consul and government spokesman.

If the decline in the trade deficit continues at the rate for the first eight months of the year, he said, the 1983 deficit of $3.47 billion would be reduced to $2.65 billion.

Oren, Israel's economic information director in the U.S., attributed the development to government policies that encouraged exports and led to cuts in wages and purchasing power among the Israeli public, lowering the standard of living and discouraging the purchase of imported goods.

Among the steps taken, he said, were a decline in government spending and an acceleration of the devaluation of Israel's currency.

From January through August, Oren reported, Israeli exports (excluding diamonds) rose by 12.5% compared to the same period in 1983. Industrial exports were up by 16% and agricultural exports climbed 6.5%.

Last month, he said, exports of industrial products were up 30% over August, 1983, with "a particularly impressive increase" in exports of electronics and metal products.

Imports declined during the first eight months of 1984 by 4.3%, the spokesman noted. Consumer goods plummeted 33%, while imports of raw materials, petroleum and equipment used by industry rose 4.5% from January through August.

"The government has prescribed strong economic medicine, and the results are encouraging," Oren said.

He added: "Greater progress may be expected as a result of additional steps that will be taken soon to further reduce government expenditures by about $1 billion in the current fiscal year."

Holiday deadlines

Editorial deadline for the Oct. 11 issue in Toronto is Tuesday, Oct. 2 at noon; for Montreal, Monday, Oct. 1 at noon.

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Advertising deadline for the Oct.11 issue is Oct. 3 at noon.

World-National

Winnipeg leads way with rabbi

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I was in Winnipeg recently and participated in a joyful event which turned out to be a matter of great public interest. It was not because of me, I hasten to add.

The occasion was the installation of Winnipeg's first woman rabbi. She is a recent graduate of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and a native Canadian, is married and the mother of a small child. Her name is Tracy Guren Klirs (CJN Sept. 20).

Rabbi Plaut

The day was about the worst I'd seen in my Western tour: cold, stormy and altogether reminiscent of the days of the ancient flood. The elements were against a good attendance at the instalation. It was a Wednesday evening and the time set for the occasion was 8.

Temple Shalom is a small congregation which during the last 19 years has struggled to survive in a community that is either religiously conservative or replaces its religious impulse with a national and Yiddish orientation.

"Winnipeg would be inhospitable to Reform," so I was told many years ago when Sydney Harris (now Judge Harris) and I traveled to the Manitoba capital in order to break ground for an alternative to the existing traditional congregations.

"You will never succeed in this town," we were warned by everyone, and the intervening years seem to have borne out that judgment. Rabbis came and went, and for the most of the time the small membership could not sustain a fulltime spiritual leader.

But somehow this seems now in the past. While the congregation is still small in numbers, its vision has broadened enormously. As a bold move they engaged Rabbi Klirs, the first woman rabbi in Canada to have her own congregation (Holy Blossom in Toronto engaged its first female rabbi some years ago, but both she and, currently, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein have been assistant rabbis).

For the occasion of the instalation, Temple Shalom rented the spacious auditorium of the Winnipeg Art Gallery, a beautiful modern structure with its auditorium seating some 500 people. Long before the 8 starting time, and despite the miserable weather, it was obvious that people were ready to turn out en masse. Newspapers, television and radio reporters were represented. Not a single major station or paper was missing. When the service started there was standing room only.

In the audience were other rabbis, judges, the mayor, many people from the community and best of all, a lot of young Jewish men and women.

"How much difficulty do you expect you will meet?" Rabbi Klirs was asked. "I don't know," she said, "but I'm not worried. I think in a little while, they will forget that I am a woman rabbi and just accept me as a rabbi."

But whatever the nature of public interest, it was good to see that Canadian Jews can get excited about matters of religion. Not only Roman Catholics find in their faith an exhilarating focus when their leader comes to town; Jews too — whether you approve or disapprove — can still experience the religious dimension as something that goes beyond the ordinary and lights up the eyes. That in itself is encouraging.

Rosh Hashanah Bible readings

The Bible readings for Rosh Hashanah are: Thursday, Sept. 27, Genesis 21:1-34, with the haftorah, I Samuel 1:2-10; Friday, Genesis 22:1-24 and the haftorah, Jeremiah 31:2-20.

The reading for the second day of Rosh Hashanah is the Akkeda — Abraham's ultimate test of devotion to God when he is asked to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac.

On Shabbat, continue with the parsha of the week, Ha'azinu (Deuteronomy 32).

The book of Jonah is read during the afternoon service on Yom Kippur. Begin reading it, a chapter a day, on Sunday.

Reagan to avoid issue with Gromyko

Mideast won't be a part of talks

By
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WASHINGTON —

The situation in the Middle East will probably come up during Secretary of State George Shultz's meeting this week with Soviet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko at the United Nations, but only in passing. It is unlikely to arise at all during President Ronald Reagan's meeting with the Soviet minister two days later in Washington.

That was the assessment of knowledgeable U.S. officials at the White House and the state department who offered some thoughts in recent days on current Soviet Policy in the Middle East.

They noted that there was absolutely no interest in the Reagan administration of seeking Soviet cooperation in the Arab-Israeli diplomatic arena. The Soviets are widely seen by U.S. officials as strictly negative in their approach.

"We don't want to bring the Russians back into the picture," one American specialist commented.

He recalled the Carter administration's ill-fated Oct. 1, 1977 joint communique on the Middle East signed with the Soviet Union. That document, which called for a reconvened Geneva peace conference where the U.S. and the Soviet Union would serve as equal co-chairmen, was bitterly denounced by Israel and its many friends on Capitol Hill, especially by the more anti-Soviet Republicans. Reagan and his political allies do not want to reverse themselves now.

They also know that former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had devoted a great deal of his diplomatic energies while in office to shut the Soviets out of the Arab-Israeli peace process. Kissinger's great success was in Egypt and its move from the Soviet to the American corner.

The Reagan administration wants the U.S. to remain the only superpower with enough credibility among both Israel and the more moderate Arab states to mediate additional steps toward peace. That helps to explain why the concept of a Geneva peace conference — still promoted by Moscow and some of the Arab states — is a non-starter, as far as Washington is concerned.

Still, U.S. officials conceded, Moscow has scored some important points in the region over the past year with the rise of Syrian power in Lebanon and elsewhere. Syria has become the Soviet Union's main ally in the Middle East.

The kremlin leadership has made a tremendous investment in strengthening Syria's military capability since the humiliating setback suffered during the war with Israel in the summer of 1982.

Moscow has more than made up for Syria's losses in fighter aircraft, tanks, advanced missiles and other hardware. It has provided state-of-the-art weaponry, especially in ground to ground and anti-aircraft missiles. Some of this equipment had never before been supplied to countries outside the Soviet bloc in Eastern Europe.

What has been more impressive in underlining this Soviet alliance with Syria, according to American policymakers, has been the increased number of Soviet troops and advisors now based in Syria. The U.S. estimates that perhaps as many as 7,000 Soviet personnel are now there, attached to almost all sections of the Syrian military and intelligence apparatus.

Soviet forces, U.S. officials said, regularly accompany Syrian soldiers into Lebanon. More than 50,000 Syrian soldiers are said to remain in Lebanon — many, of course, almost eyeball-to-eyeball with Israeli forces in the Bekaa Valley.

Thus, renewed fighting between Israel and Syria could result in Soviet involvement — a fact of life recognized by the U.S. and Israeli officials. While this would not be the first time Israeli and Soviet forces have met each other in combat, there is greater fear now that the next time it could trigger a superpower confrontation. The level and degree of explosiveness have increased — as have the Soviet stakes in Syria.

In short, the forced abrogation of last year's Israeli-Lebanese peace accord, the rise in Syrian military might and its enhanced influence in Lebanon have combined to strengthen the Soviet stance in the Middle East.

But the Reagan administration clearly has hopes of reversing this trend. U.S. officials sense that any elevated stature given to the Soviet role in the region by extensive discussions with the United States would prove counterproductive to this objective.

What exactly are the steps envisaged by the Reagan administration to limit Soviet influence in the Middle East in the aftermath of the dramatic reversals over the past year?

U.S. officials point to a multi-pronged approach which they expect to be pursued during a second Reagan adminstration.

For one thing, they hope for a revived effort to get Arab-Israeli peace talks off the ground. This, U.S. officials claim, is still seen as a basic ingredient in strengthening U.S. interest in the region.

The Americans believe it would weaken the incentive of the more moderate Arab states — Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, etc. — to move toward the Soviet camp. Simultaneously, they add, it would raise the possibility of the more pro-Soviet countries — Iraq and Syria are often mentioned as two examples — improving their ties with Washington.

"U.S. policy is really quite straightforward," says National Security advisor Robert McFarlane. "We seek a just, enduring peace based upon political agreements among states. We believe that such a peace is the surest guarantee of peace for all. In order to reach these ends, we try to help resolve conflicts — great and small — through negotiations.

"To encourage people to talk, however, requires the kind of cooperative relationships reflected in U.S. security and economic development assistance, political support or joint military activities. Such U.S. action can convince adversaries to take risks for peace by giving leaders confidence in U.S. commitments as well as the political, economic and military means to deal with internal and external threats."

Thus, McFarlane welcomes the formalized U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation aimed at countering "the Soviet threat to our mutual interests in the Middle East through combined planning, joint exercises and prepositioning of U.S. equipment in Israel.

"This cooperation adds to deterrence and improves the prospects for peace and security."

The Civil Rights Act gives everyone a chance

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

WASHINGTON —

Until recently, I never thought of the Olympics as a teaching event. The closest they got to a civics lesson out in Los Angeles was the opening night extravaganza when the dance troupe performed a historical pageant. After forming a human map of the United States, the "pioneers" from central casting pushed their covered wagons from West to East.

But on Sept. 11, the Olympics came eastward again with a slightly more educational purpose. A group of Olympians, including runner Mary Decker, volleyball's Flo Hyman and basketball's Cheryl Miller, starred at a Capitol Hill breakfast sponsored by Senators Edward Kennedy and Robert Packwood. These senators are trying to press forward the Civil Rights Act of 1984 that would restore a broad interpretation of civil rights legislation. (Do I hear a chant of "CRA! CRA!?)

Title 9 was the legislation passed in 1972 to ban sex discrimination at educational institutions that received federal funding. Any school that discriminated against women anywhere — in employment of admissions, in the science lab or on the playing field — would lose all of its federal money.

The greatest measurable change under Title 9 has been in girls' and women's sports. It's because of Title 9 that college athletic budgets for women have grown from 1% to 16% of the total sports budget. It's because of Title 9 that the number of women in intercollegiate athletic programs jumped from 16,000 in 1972 to 150,000 today. It's because of Title 9 that there were female champions at this breakfast.

Last February, however, in the Grove City College case, the Supreme Court re-read the mind of Congress. The justices ruled that Title 9 was written to be applied to a particular program. If a college was getting money only for business administration, it could legally discriminate in engineering.

In short, if a school is kicking around some of its students, the government won't buy the school more shoes but it will go on buying gloves or a hat.

In the wake of this decision, the Reagan justice department, never what you would call ardent in pursuit of discrimination cases, closed 23 civil rights investigations. It also served notice that 20 years' worth of civil rights legislation that protected women minorities, the handicapped, or the aged could be subject to the same narrow interpretation.

The House responded by rewriting the laws so that its intent to ban discrimination was absolutely clear, even to a myopic court. The representatives cheered the bill last June by a vote of 375 to 32. Now a similar bill with 63 cosponsors is stalled in the Senate, where it is opposed by Reagan stalwart Orrin Hatch and is up against a relentless stopwatch. The Congress is scheduled to adjourn Oct. 5. The Reagan administration has yet to take a stand on this bill.

But back to our breakfast of champions. It was remarkable to hear Flo Hyman offering up thanks, not just to mom, dad and coach, but to civil rights legislation without which ... "At a critical time in my life," she said, Title 9 "enabled me to receive a scholarship." Cheryl Miller later said the same thing: "There is no doubt that I would not be attending USC without a scholarship. I took Title 9 for granted."

Of the 200 women Olympians in the 1984 games, more than 170 received their training in a university or college athletic program that probably hadn't existed prior to 1972. This was something we didn't hear in the "Up Close and Personal" TV features.

Another medalist, Randy Snow of Houston, also spoke at the breakfast. Snow, who won a silver medal in the 1,500-metre men's wheelchair race, said that he won for two reasons: "I trained my butt off for six months ... and the Olympic committee recognized me as an athlete."

This is the crux of the matter. Gold medals are not the most important results of Title 9 or any other civil rights legislation. But they are peculiarly symbolic. Getting to the top, number one, the championship, is always an individual achievement, but you can't make it unless you're given a fair chance. That's what civil rights legislation is about, and that's what the Civil Rights Act of 1984 would protect: the chance.

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Proponents, opponents square off

Human rights, affirmative action under debate

By
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MONTREAL —

Proponents and opponents of quotas in affirmative action faced off at a recent national conference on human rights and affirmative action co-sponsored by the Canadian Human Rights Foundation and the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights.

In what moderator Judge Rosalie Abella, head of a federal commission of inquiry on equality in employment, called "probably the most important session" of the conference, McGill University law professor Julius Grey put forth the anti-quota case, and representatives of affirmative action target groups, for the most part, defended affirmative action and the quota system.

Grey, who said that his was "an attack on affirmative action ... from the moderate left," felt that "the definition of affirmative action ... is intimately linked to discrimination. Affirmative action is discrimination of a sort, and viewed as a remedy to discrimination. It is indirect equalization — trying to get at one problem by solving another."

For example, he said, a program that was meant to help the poor might focus on Blacks, with the result that poor whites would suffer and rich Blacks benefit.

One difficulty with affirmative action, said Grey, was that of identifying deserving target groups.

"It is a fact that in our society the squeaky wheel gets the grease, and as soon as a group is strong enough to demand affirmative action measures, they've already won their battle. The truly downtrodden don't get affirmative action," he said.

Selection of such groups is "subjective and arbitrary," he continued. Noting that "fashionable" groups such as women, native peoples and Blacks in Halifax get affirmative action, he commented, "Why not alcoholics, the obese, orphans?"

Other problems with the affirmative action approach included that of "creating" groups, the possibility of "tremendous competition between groups" for handouts and a future society in which "people are promoted for what they are, not what they can do."

The solution, Grey said, was to continue social democratic reforms, and direct action to equalize opportunities — along with judicial reform and legal aid. Hiring decisions, while subjective, should be governed by a prohibition on forbidden discrimination, he said.

Besides, he added, "The same logic of affirmative action has promoted horrible discrimination in the past — for example the quotas on Jews at McGill University. It's been used for right wing purposes, now discredited, and left wing purposes."

Though Grey pointed to the Jews as one group which had achieved success without affirmative action, two Jews on the dais, Abella and Chaviva Hosek, president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, disagreed with his evaluation of affirmative action.

"Professor Grey's interpretation, though interesting, is wrong," said Abella, labeling herself an "activist chairman."

"Occasionally an exceptional individual will break the barriers. But we cannot talk in terms of individual freedom, when individuals face barriers in terms of their group. Affirmative action is not only quotas; it's opening competition."

She also pointed to a "stunning coincidence" between the general figures on unemployment and poverty and the figures for the target groups.

Hosek, speaking as the representative for women, told of recent inequities in hiring and pay by law and engineering firms mentioned to her by an affirmative action consultant — firms which would hire no women, or at least no married women, no mothers, no women over 30. Women had also received smaller raises than men for similar performance evaluations.

Some employers do not see talent in women or non-whites," she added. Affirmative action, she believes, has been "taking people's blinders off." It has also proven itself in large U.S. corporations, she noted, as a better way to manage group resources.

Native people's plight

To Grey, she rebutted that women were not a "created" and artificial category, but a group demanding affirmative action because of their new "sense of entitlement ..."

Corinne Jetté, a Concordia University engineering professor, speaking for the native peoples, called attention to the plight of the native peoples in northern Quebec, and urged affirmative action in employment.

"The native peoples in this country are in crisis ... the people are dying," she said, citing statistics for violent deaths and suicides four to six times as high as for any other group, and a life expectancy 10 years shorter.

For the problems of high unemployment (80 to 90% on some reserves), alcoholism and delinquency, she said, affirmative action is one possible way to help ourselves, to stop the erosion of our culture, to put our communities back on the road to productivity."

"It would especially help the unemployed young, she feels.

But it would have to be soon: "The native peoples are on the brink of bankruptcy. They can't afford the luxury of 5-year plans, bandaid solutions."

She called for a partnership of government and industry, and the support of professional societies for such affirmative action.

Patricia Falta, a professor at the Universite de Montreal school of architecture, speaking for the disabled, was the only panelist to agree with Grey on the matter of categories — she felt that the disabled should not be segregated as a group.

The only truly optimistic panelist, she commented that she believed great strides had been made in the last 10 to 15 years in the public's perception of the disabled. But she said the disabled still needed affirmative action in the field of education, since possibilities at the educational, rather than the employment level would allow them to integrate into society.

At least one of the organizing groups had a stand on quotas in affirmative action. David Matas, national chairman of the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights, stated at a press conference that the League's position was anti-quota. "We've taken positions before on the subject of affirmative action, before the Human Rights Commission and Abella's commission. We've even gone so far as to ask that the Human Rights Act be amended to exclude quotas.

"Our position remains that we are opposed to quotas; we view it as a form of reverse discrimination."

The League is re-examining its position on affirmative action, however, he added, and "it is useful to have all the major thinkers in this area to focus on this."

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Living Halacha

By
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QUESTION: What should we do to gain the blessing of a Happy and Prosperous New Year?

We should prepare for the High Holy Days the way an athlete prepares for the Olympics. Each morning during Elul, the shofar is sounded in a soul-stirring call to set things right. "Penitence, prayer and charity avert the evil decree." Each day, a little time should be set aside for quiet contemplation and self-examination. The pious examine every aspect of their lives, including the condition of their mezuzas and tefillen.

Rabbi Burak

Now, penitence is a marvelous remedy for the diseases that afflict man's soul. But, it is such an exciting task, that one can never be sure that it has been done properly. The overt expressions may be fine, while the covert aspect is all wrong. Just as the soldier who salutes the flag may actually be a traitor who salutes with one hand, and sells his country's secrets with the other, so is it with the penitent. With one hand he smites his breast in an outward show of regret, but the other hand may, at the same time, be busy doing forbidden things. Then his acts of penitence are worthless.

Prayer presents the same problem. The heart is the core of prayer. There you find the seeds of life. Without heartfelt emotion, the lips may wag, but the words are worthless. This has given rise to the well known rhyme, "Prayer without kavanah, is like a body without a neshamah." The mind wanders. Some people think of their dinners when they should be thinking of their sins of commission or omission.

In short, we need more concentration in our prayers.

This leaves us with charity as our last hope. There are those who give adequately, and there are those who do not. Still, one must admit that the Jewish community gives magnificently, despite the fund raisers who always claim that they have not received enough. Astronomical sums are given to charity, and not always is this done by men of religion. Some of our brothers who are not so strong on prayer and penitence, affirm by generous gifts to holy causes, that they are children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The Sages of the Talmud regarded the giving of charity as the greatest deed of all. When King David was filled with regret for not having been permitted by Hashem to build the Beth ha-Mikdash, Hashem consoled him, according to Midrash Rabbah, Shofetim, Chapter 5:3, with these words: "The charity and justice which you do are more beloved to me than the Temple."

The Midrash asks for some specifics and goes on to say that when David "executed justice, he acquitted the innocent and condemned the guilty. If, however, the guilty party had not the means to pay, David would pay it himself." This is the meaning of tzedakah u-mishpat, charity and righteousness.

Our community teaches this to its children. In my recent appeal for Lymor Eisner, the young Israeli girl who came to Pittsburgh to have a liver transplant, I found out the meaning of Jewish education. One morning as I sat in my office in shul, in walked Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino, headmaster of the Community Hebrew Academy (CHAT) and handed me a large envelope. Inside in ones, twos, fives, tens, and one $20 bill, was the gift of the student body, a gift of around $400 for Lymor.

I did not broadcast this gift. But, through the mail came a letter from even younger students. It was signed by Julie (Julie Brandes) and Tamara (Tamara Kupinsky) for the Junior High, Grade 8, United Synagogue Day School, 1700 Bathurst St. They, too, had collected funds for Lymor. Inside was a check for $250. Those are our children! And they sent it to me who have said unkind things about the United Synagogue on more than one occasion. I must do Teshuva.

We are one people, all children of Hashem. "Look forth from Thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Thy people Israel . . ."

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World Jews urged to fight threat

Anti-semitism worries Herzog

JERUSALEM —

Israeli President Chaim Herzog has called upon Jews around the world to combat what he considers to be "rising anti-semitism," though it is almost 40 years since the defeat of the Nazis.

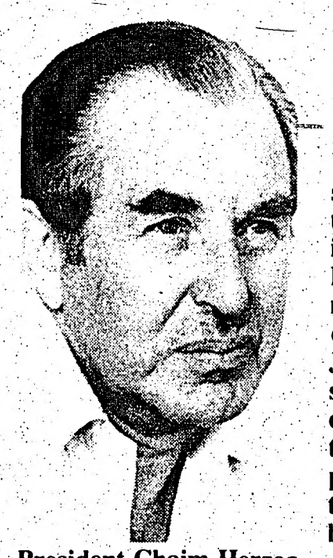
The warning was issued as part of his official Rosh Hashanah greeting, which follows:

As we approach the New Year of 5745, we reflect on the turmoil and problems, the achievements and aspirations that mark Jewish life everywhere.

During these very months millions of human beings are commemorating the 40th anniversary of the defeat of the Nazi forces.

Bonds of blood and horror and never-to-be-forgotten loss bind Jews uniquely to that savage episode in history.

We look back in deepest sorrow, and we must examine with absolute honesty whether we fully learned the lessons of those years.



President Chaim Herzog

Certainly, in the course of four decades, the innate vitality of the Jewish people has come to the fore.

Survivors have been rehabilitated, communities have been strengthened; above all, the independent State of the Jewish people has risen, has overcome incredible obstacles, absorbed many hundreds of thousands, has to its credit remarkable achievements in many a field of endeavor.

The dry bones of the prophet Ezekiel's vision have taken on flesh, breathed again, become a nation in their own land.

Yet we must wonder sadly why so soon after the overwhelming historic experiences of Holocaust and national revival, assimilation claims so many; effective Jewish education reaches so few; the impulse to link one's own life with Israel, the centre of the Jewish people's life, has not touched more than a brave and dedicated minority.

Our generation has been granted the opportunity to rebuild our national existence in our historic land, the opportunity longed for, prayed for, during two millennia, and not now to be missed.

Chapters in history are not neatly closed. Forty years after the defeat of the Nazis, we are witness to rising anti-semitism.

We are called upon to combat it and we are called upon as well to respond to the urgent needs for aid and rescue of Jews in the Soviet Union, Syria, Ethiopia and other foci of intolerance and unrest.

Violation of Torah

In Israel itself we must battle on many fronts — for peace and security, for political stability, economic recovery, adequate absorption of newcomers, mutual tolerance among all sections of the population, retention of the high standards we have been reaching in the arts and sciences, education and research, both theoretical and industrial.

But, not least, we must battle against any expression of extremism and intolerance which are a disgrace to the Jewish people, an aberration from Jewish history, and no less than a violation of the Torah.

It is gratifying to note the healthy, adverse reaction of the majority of Israel's people to such manifestations at both extremes.

Israel's elections have been truly democratic. Only a minority of the world's countries can make this claim.

By the same token, we are encouraged to hope and believe that Israel will be able to face and solve its political and economic difficulties, through a responsible government translating the will of the electorate into reality.

We look forward to a year of peace, development and human understanding, a year of dedication to Jewish education and to the realization of the ideals of the Jewish tradition, in Israel and in every community where Jews live.

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By DAVID BIRKAN

Barcelona's Casa Sefardita was dedicated Sept. 27, 1954, exactly 30 years ago today.

It was the first synagogue built on Spanish soil since 1492, the year of the large-scale expulsion of Jews from Spain, in a city renowned for its Jewish accomplishments and tribulations.

The Jewish presence in Spain has been a long one. The Bible's reference to "the captivity of Jerusalem that is in Sfarad" — Sfarad means Spain, in Hebrew — led commentaries to speculate that some of the Jewish captives after the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE were exiled to or sold as slaves in Iberia. It is believed that Jews were among the Phoenician trading parties that sailed west at least as far as the Straits of Gibraltar, as early as King Solomon's times.

The Phoenicians' descendants, the Carthaginians, included Jews among their forces when they conquered the Iberian penninsula and founded Barcelona in the 3rd century BCE. The name Barcelona at once suggests its early importance as an iron ore centre of the ancient world, as well as semitic influence — the Hebrew word for steel or iron is barzel.

Communities in Spain were among those visited across the Mediterranean world during the first century CE by the apostle Paul in his attempt to convert Jews.

Oppression of Spain's Jews began in the 7th century, after its Visigoth rulers, who had seized the peninsula 200 years earlier from the crumbling Roman Empire, embraced Christianity. As they would do 800 years later, many of its Jews fled to North Africa; others were forcibly converted or enslaved, their property confiscated.

The Moslem armies sweeping from Arabia across North Africa invaded Spain in 711. Seen as liberators, they were helped by Jews on both sides of the Straits. One of the Moslem commanders was Kaulan al-Yahudi, the son of the queen of a formerly Judaized Berber tribe.

In the centuries of Moslem rule that followed, communities flourished across Spain. Jews acquired unprecedented prominence in trade, statesmanship, and the military, as well as in philosophy, science, literature and the arts. They were instrumental in bringing about Spain's golden age.

The hillside to the west of Barcelona, in Aragon province, is called Montjuich. For several hundred years it was the site of extensive Jewish property holdings, including the community's cemetery. Montjuich is Catalan for Mountain of the Jews.

During the 12th and 13th centuries, Barcelona and its hinterland boasted the densest Jewish population in Europe. It was famous for: its scholars, like Judah Al-Bargeloni, Abraham Ben Chasdai, and Abraham Bar Chiyya; its financiers, like the De La Callabria family; and its rabbinic scholars, like Solomon Ben Adret.

Judah De La Callabria, described as the "Rothschild of Aragon," was the royal minister, controller-general of revenues, and chancellor of the realm for James I (1213-1276). The Jews in the northern districts of Spain, under Christian domination, were prospering as those in the Moslem districts underwent persecution at the hands of the fanatical Moslems, the Almohades. Jews now served Christian society in almost every capacity, including crafting crucifixes and other ritual objects in gold and silver for the nobles and clergy.

The waning of Moslem power in the south led to a decrease in the usefulness of the Jews in the north. Resentment ws expressed and fanned, notably by the Dominican order. In 1263, a famous disputation — debate forced by the church — took place between Nachmanides and the apostate Pablo Christiani. Nachmanides won, but he fled Barcelona for Palestine.

A decree issued in 1302 ordered the Jews of Barcelona to kneel when meeting a priest with the sacraments. A large-scale massacre befell the community on Aug. 5, 1391; its survivors fled the ruin and carnage.

The loss of his most productive, dependable and loyal elements was soon felt by the king of Aragon, Juan I, who was fighting court intrigues, clerical encroachments and the Moslems. In less than a year-and-a-half, he invited the Jews of his province to reconstitute the Barcelona community. Officially, they refused. Unofficially, they began moving back in.

Juan's successor, Don Alfonso V, caught between mounting clerical pressure and fiscal need, compromised. His edict of 1424 did not directly expel the Jews, but allowed the city of Barcelona to do so at its discretion and for all time. Barcelona's Jews joined the other Jews leaving Spain in 1492.

The proposal to establish an Inquisition in Spain was made on the 70th anniversary of the Barcelona massacre.

Reagan plan would be scrapped

Mondale pledges new peace efforts

WASHINGTON (JTA)— Democrat presidential candidate Walter Mondale last week accused President Ronald Reagan of having "squandered the promise of Camp David" and being "essentially absent" from the Middle East peace effort.

He also told Jewish supporters that he will personally take charge of the peace effort, "scrap" Reagan's Sept. 1, 1982 Mideast peace initiative, and move the United States embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

"I will lead the search for peace personally, using the weight and influence of the presidency," he told 300 Jewish leaders.

Mondale charged that, by being absent, Reagan has left Mideast policy to others such as the state department and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Mayor Edward Koch of New York City, who introduced Mondale, charged that Reagan "is keeping Caspar Weinberger muzzled" during the campaign.

"But if Reagan is re-elected, Weinberger will be back and that will mean nothing but trouble, tzures for Israel," Koch said.

Mondale said that Reagan had abandoned Camp David and the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and the situation with Egypt now was "in reverse" from peace.

"We have entered into a cold peace with negotiations in cold storage," he said.

He denounced the administration for supplying arms to Saudi Arabia and proposing arms for Jordan and for having had secret talks with the PLO.

— Mondale said that the Reagan initiative "made concessions to Arabs at Israel's expense before talks even started." He said this violated the Camp David agreement.

"It didn't work," he said. "The Arabs pocketed the concessions but refused to talk."

Outlining what would be his own policy if elected, Mondale declared, "I will once again make America's relationship to Israel the cornerstone of Middle East policy. We will stand strongly and publicly with Israel. We are not embarrassed by our support for Israel, we proclaim it."

He stressed that "I will make it clear that the path to peace starts with direct negotiations with Israel. I won't impose solutions on our friends. I will support and defend Camp David and make it clear that peace cannot come without full recognition of Israel's right to exist."

"I will scrap the failed Reagan plan and give the new Israel government time to develop its own policy with the Arabs. I will strengthen strategic cooperation with Israel.

"I will end the fiction that Jerusalem is not the capital of that good country. For more than 10 years, I have supported moving our embassy there and as president I will do it."

At a separate press conference with representatives of the Jewish media, Mondale said that if elected, he will never pressure Israel or seek to buy Arab participation through arms sales.

Mondale said the Reagan administration has failed in its efforts to get the moderate Arab states to enter negotiations by selling them arms.

The Reagan plan was designed to encourage King Hussein of Jordan to enter negotiations with Israel, Mondale said.

He said that as President, he would tell Hussein: "I hope you sit down and negotiate. I can't make you and I'm not going to pressure Israel, but if you sit down, I will sit at the table with you and the Premier of Israel, just as we sat down with Begin and Sadat and we'll try to work out, within the context of Camp David, an agreement that permits peace with Israel and Jordan. I will make clear that I am opposed to a Palestinian state and I will resist it."

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Beaches beautiful but TV a bust

Visitor finds Israelis are a new breed of Jew

By
SHERYL HALPERN

MONTREAL —

Pierre Bourgault, Montreal Gazette commentator, CKAC radio host and Universite du Quebec a Montreal professor, went to Israel this summer on a 2½-week tour — and hasn't stopped talking or writing about it yet.

He didn't like the kosher food, found the entertainment non-existent and the night life awful — but he left very impressed by the beautiful Israeli beaches, and the "crazy Israelis" themselves.

"I found the Israelis too critical of themselves," he says. "They would say Israel is dirty, Tel Aviv is dirty. I said, Israel is not dirty, North American cities are dirtier.

"But the Israelis compare themselves only to themselves, and not to the rest of the world — even though they may be better than the rest of the world, or they may be worse."

Taking the trip as part of a Quebec-Israel exchange program sponsored in part by the Quebec-Israel Committee and the Canada-Israel Committee, he discovered Israelis — a new breed of people, he says, with immigration problems, Arab problems, government problems, difficulties with the Diaspora — and a right and a will to exist.

The trip didn't change his opinions about the country, he says, but it did change his plans for the future. He'll be spending next year in Jerusalem, taking his sabbatical from UQAM, where he teaches communications, to teach in the Canadian Studies program at Hebrew University.

Bourgault came back from Israel with a suitcase full of observations. Just a few of them — all quoteworthy — follow:

Pierre Bourgault

• On Israel, Holocaust and the Bible: "In the Gazette, two years ago, I said that I was fed up with hearing about the Holocaust and the Bible. I'm more sure of that now (Bourgault visited Yad Vashem and Beth Hatefusoth, the Diaspora Museum.)

"You can build a country, not a policy, on Holocaust and the Bible. I respect the Bible, I know what the Holocaust was, know the horror it was — but you can't build a policy on that, as Begin was. (In Israel) they must remember the Holocaust but live by now . . . by what has been created."

• On the Arabs: "I made a mistake in my article in the Gazette; I said it was marvelous to be a non-Jew in Israel. It is marvelous to be a foreign non-Jew in Israel. It's not marvelous to be an Arab.

"Israeli Arabs are not treated fairly; 99% of Israelis would say the same. There's little direct hostility, and there's been some progress since the North Africans came—they know the Arabs better."

• On Israel as a Jewish homeland, and the problem of a Palestinian state: "I agree that Israel should be Jewish; there's no point to it if it is not Jewish, it serves no purpose. The territories are small; if they were bigger there would be fewer problems. The Gaza is 35 km by 10 km, and has 500,000 Arabs, with no water, no industry.

"Unless you're there, you can't realize how small (the area) is. There's the problem of 1,500,000 Arabs in the occupied territories, and Israel is small too.

"About an independent state for the Palestinians — I was always for that theoretically. But when you see (the area), you say, how can it be done, it's so small?"

Bourgault, a nationalist at home, saw a different kind of separatism abroad — in Israel-Diaspora relations. "Israelis are unjust with Jews in the Diaspora; for them, the Diaspora doesn't exist. Either you're in Israel, or assimilated."

Part of that is economic independence, he feels: "Israel doesn't need Diaspora money; in the budget of Israel, Diaspora donations are a small percentage. For a long time — 25 years — Diaspora money was essential."

Part of that is also the rise of a new breed of Jew — the Israeli — he adds. "One thing is evident. Thirty-five years ago, there were Jews all over the world; now there are Jews all over the world, and Israelis in Israel.

"They're a new breed of people, the Israelis — distinct from (the rest of the) Jews. Diaspora Jews think that all Jews are the same; but Israel's are a new breed.

"That is the reality for Jews, Arabs, the world. At this moment only the Israelis know they are different. One of the problems is time; it happened so fast."

He also found a very familiar language problem. "The people in Israel all speak English or French. The first language is Hebrew, the second English and the third French.

"One-third of the population is French-speaking, from North Africa. But English is more important than French there, and the French-speaking want more English-speaking to speak French . . . There wasn't any French spoken until 20 years ago, when the North Africans came. Now they're more established, have more power, and want French."

He's dismayed with the state of Israeli television. "Israel may win the war in the air, and lose the war of communication. There's American TV, Lebanese TV, Jordanian TV, but very little Israeli TV — one station.

"The solution is to produce . . . just as French Quebec produced more TV than anyone else. Television is unfortunately horribly important, 24 hours a day.

"Israel produces 12 million books a year, strong writing; Israelis are people of the written word, but need TV too."

He predicts that Israel, five years from now, will have 133 stations like us, with satellites.

On a more serious issue, the Middle East dilemma, he says, "The tragedy of the Middle East is that everyone is right. The Jews and Israelis are right in principle; the Palestinians are right too — they're displaced, whether they fled or were brought out.

"I'm very enthusiastic about Israel, but I think that the Palestinians have a right to a homeland. I don't have solutions; the Soviets and Americans don't either.

"I found the Israelis quite desperate and depressed. The best of them don't know what to do. They want peace and a Palestinian state, but they don't know how to do it. I wouldn't either."

But Bourgault sees cause for hope — in the new coalition government, in the election of right-winger Meir Kahane, in the very isolation of the Israelis and Palestinians.

"The election of Kahane is the best thing that happened to Israel — a blessing to Israel, and the Jerusalem Post says so too. Those indifferent to the Arabs have to talk, have to face up to the Arab world.

"Some Israelis told me the territory problem may be solved because the Palestinians and Israelis know that they're alone in the world. If both realize they're alone, they may get to talking.

"Israel is there to stay; the Arabs must accept that. So are the Arabs; Israel must accept that. The Palestinians, too.

"Camp David was a good solution, but not applicable, because minds on both sides were not ready. When Sadat came (their) minds were ready for that . . . it needs the right time."

One last comment from a happy tourist: "The trip didn't change my opinions; it aroused my interest in Israel and the Middle East. I still think Israel is here to stay."

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Jordan's ruler doesn't want "this headache"

Arabs force Hussein to claim the West Bank

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

Only the insistence of other Arab rulers that he continue demanding sovereignty over the West Bank is preventing Jordan's King Hussein from giving up any claim to the area, according to the head of the organization of Jewish settlements now existing in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

"Hussein has told Israelis he doesn't need this headache called Judea and Samaria," Israel Harel said to reporters who met with him recently at the Israel embassy. "Were it not for pressure from the other Arab states, he'd settle for Transjordan."

About 80% of the Kingdom of Jordan's population is Palestinian.

With Jordanian troops routed from the West Bank in the Six Day War in 1967, Harel pointed out that the people King Hussein ruled there 17 years ago are not the same today politically. Those under 27 years of age don't remember him. They are nationalistic, accustomed to a free press which didn't exist under Hussein and "most don't want him," Harel said. If he acquires the area, "he buys a danger."

Harel, 45, a journalist by profession, is chairman of the Council of Jewish Settlements of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. It is made up of two delegates from each of the 122 settlements with some 40,000 Jewish residents.

When it was formed in 1979 the areas had 38 settlements, less than one-third the present number. Harel was in the United States for 10 days to provide information on the areas.

"I'm looking for the day to help dismantle the entire body when the areas are integrated into Israel and Israeli law is imposed on Judea, Samaria and Gaza," Harel said. He is a graduate of Bar-Ilan University.

Born in Chernowitz in Romanian Bukovina, which is now in the Soviet Union, Harel has been in Israel 39 years. He, his wife and three children live in Ofra, which is north of Jerusalem and started with tents four years ago. It now has 120 families, of whom about a fourth are American.

Statistically, Harel said, fewer than 2,000 Jews live in Gaza in 13 settlements among 350,000 Arabs. Most of the settlements were founded only this year. They have about 40,000 dunams (a dunam is about a quarter acre) and engaged in agriculture.

Rugged land

In Judea, there are about 5,000 settlers, most in the Hebron Hills and Kiryat Arba. Thirteen settlements, seven of them started last year, are in "very rugged, desert-like land with no paved roads." If Imanuel, 20 miles from Tel Aviv, had a good highway it would add thousands more to that community and "dramatically change" its growth since most of the breadwinners have jobs in Tel Aviv, he said.

In Samaria, there are more than 25,000 Jews apart from the 5,000 to 5,500 in Gush Emunim (Faith bloc). He spoke glowingly of the cosmopolitan community of Tekoah. Although it has 70 families, the town has a monthly newspaper with articles in English, Russian and Hebrew.

Harel said the Likud government agreed to an additional 28 settlements in the three areas. A Labor government, he said, would allow continuation of the present population growth rate.

Israelis tend to move to the areas less for ideological reasons than for the convenience of living in more ample space and in apartments and homes much less expensive than in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem. The demand for apartments in the areas, he said, is five or six times the building rate.

Currency inflation, at present running at about 400% a year, and contracted payments for dwellings are equalized by the Bureau of Statistics that measures housing and living costs in a linkage system.

"Computers are being overworked, with different bills every month," he said. The government isn't building the settlements. It encourages contractors to build and it provides "good terms" for mortgages which, he said, are 90% government - subsidized.

Harel made it clear that Israel will not give up the areas to foreign rule. Emphasizing settlements are "legal and conform to both Israeli and international law," Harel said that Jordan's control of Judea and Samaria between 1948-1967 was the result of illegal invasion and illegal occupation.

"There was never a sovereign government in Judea and Samaria," a statement he provided said. "Nor was the area considered 'enemy territory.' Because the Arabs refused partition, they forced Israel into a war which claimed 6,000 lives — the equivalent of 2.2 million war deaths in a country the size of America. According to all rigorous legal definitions, Israel is not a military occupant of conquered territory, but in fact has the best claim to the area."

Harel said Arabs are willing to sell land, with prices varying from zone to zone in each area. Arab population, he said, has actually dropped in Judea and Samaria over the past 16 years because workers seek more lucrative positions abroad and believe Judea and Samaria will never become an independent state.

Regarding the 700,000 Arabs in Judea and Samaria, Harel's statement said: "The demographic factor never hampered Zionism idealism. In 1914, there were only 80,000 Jews in all the Land of Israel. Those pioneers did not come to terms with reality. They sought to alter it."

Portugal plans to open an embassy in Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Premier Shimon Peres has received personal assurances from Premier Mario Suarez of Portugal that he will honor the commitment he gave Peres some time ago to open a resident embassy in Israel when Peres became Prime Minister.

The message was delivered by Jose Luis Nunes, a key Suarez political aide, who called on Peres. The Israeli premier responded with a warm invitation to Suarez to visit Israel.

Nunes heads the Socialist faction in the Portuguese parliament. Peres and Suarez are both members of the Socialist International.

Portugal and Israel established diplomatic relations in the 1970s. Israel opened a resident embassy in Lisbon but until now Portugal has been represented in Israel by a non-resident ambassador.

Meanwhile, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt sent Peres a message, congratulating him on becoming premier of Israel and reportedly urging Israel to "take decisions that will remove obstacles on the path of the peace process."

The message was conveyed to Peres by the Egyptian charge d'affaires, Mohammed Bassiouni. The latter, who is the ranking Egyptian diplomat in Israel since Cairo recalled its ambassador two years ago, told reporters after his meeting with Peres that Egypt required three conditions for thawing its "cold peace" with Israel.

He said these were the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon; improvement in Israel's relations with the Palestinians living under its occupation; and resumption of negotiations over Taba, a disputed strip of land on the Israeli-Egyptian border near Eilat.

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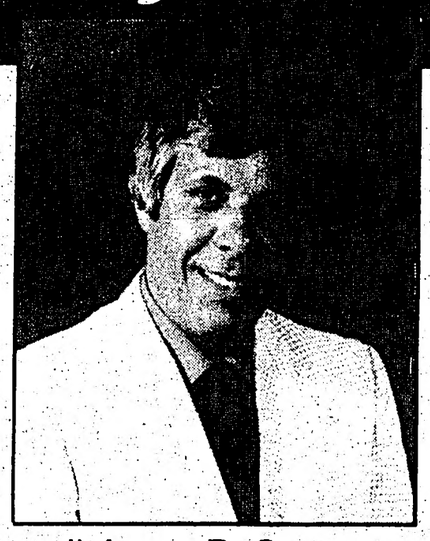

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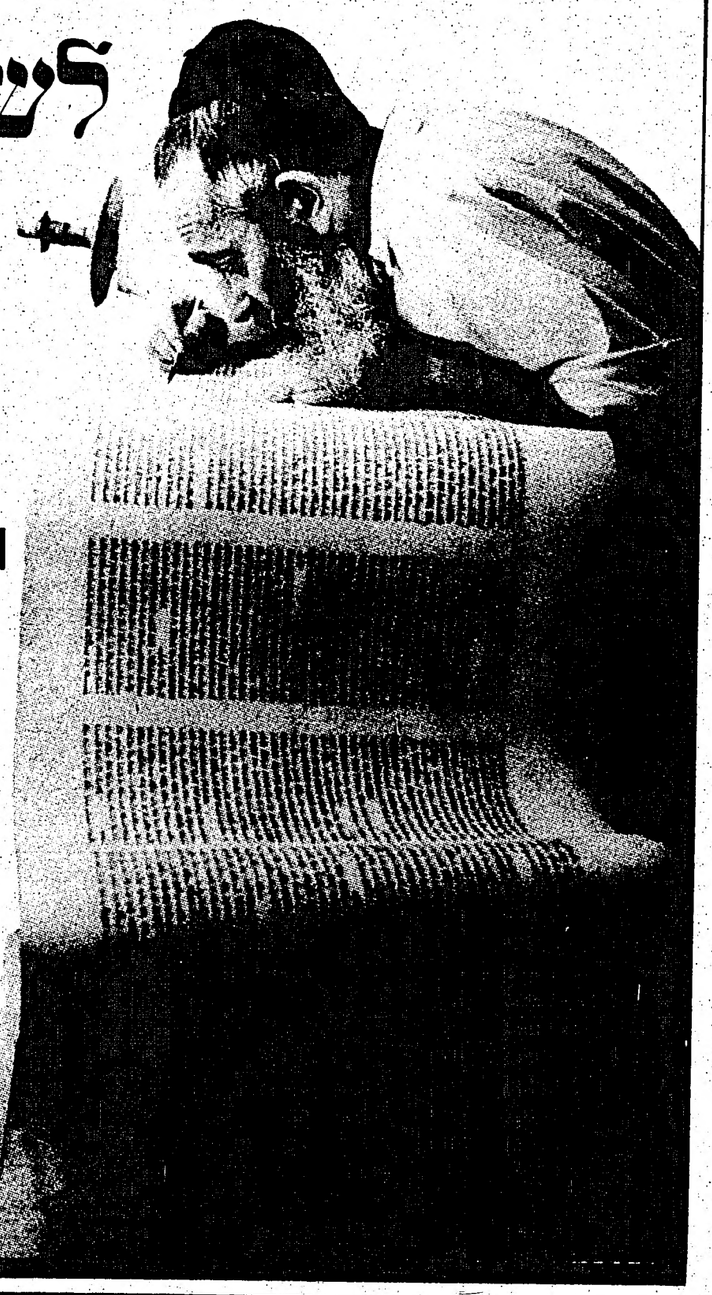

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Editorial

Days of Awe a fitting term

The Jewish New Year 5745 will soon be upon us and Jews everywhere will be celebrating the "Days of Awe."

The term is appropriate because it conveys the importance and solemnity of the two festivals, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which mark the annual rebirth, spiritually speaking, of the Jewish people.

The holidays are awe-filled because in their observance the sensitive Jew ponders the failings and sins of the previous 12 months.

Services in the synagogue permit the penitent worshiper to develop a mood through which a cleansing of the soul may be accomplished.

According to tradition the period between the New Year and Yom Kippur affords the truly contrite individual an opportunity to come true with himself and his neighbor.

The rabbis tell us, however, that God cannot forgive sins which men commit against each other; only the injured victim can offer that kind of forgiveness.

While the High Holidays are designed to foster introspection, and hence the capacity for each individual to improve his moral register, the festivals must not induce feelings of melancholy — an almost natural consequence of the realization of the magnitude of sinfulness.

To help us keep our balance the tradition has framed the repentance prayers in the first person plural. The effect is double: it prevents morbid preoccupation with vice-ridden lives and it confirms the interdependence of Jews everywhere. The High Holidays liturgy thus presents the Jew with an unparalleled opportunity to restructure his individual spiritual profile while at the same time strengthening the bond which joins each Jew.

At this time we wish all our readers a G'mar Hatimah Tova.

Call to arms

In a lead editorial headed "Wasting the public's money," the Toronto Star claims that it is a waste of public funds to give the Old Age Security pension to wealthy Canadians such as Ian Sinclair, who already gets a pension from Canadian Pacific Enterprises of $285,501 a year and earns another $61,400 as a senator. "Does it make sense?" asks the Star, "to also give him $270 a month of taxpayers' money in the form of a federal old age security check?"

The Star claims that social programs "needlessly lose credibility and the public purse needlessly loses money, when taxpayers' money is handed to people who have enough money of their own."

The Star's solution: a means test. The proposal is to totally tax back the OAS from all with gross incomes over $30,000.

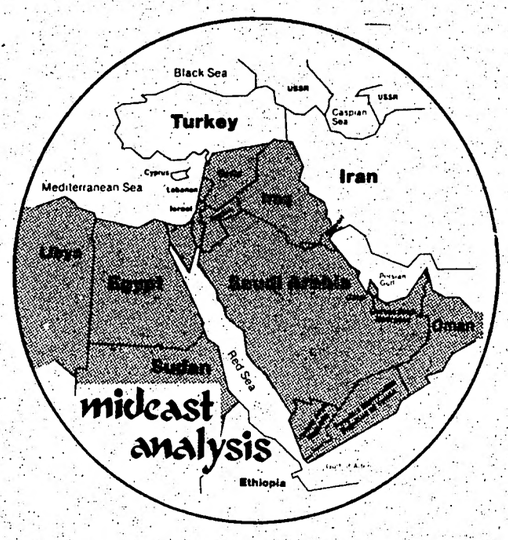
Nonsense. As we pointed out in an editorial last week, those who don't need the OAS don't have to apply for it (or for the CPP or any other social programs). These programs are not automatic. Those who collect it pay their fair share of taxes on it.

And, as we noted last week, the OAS is a *right* for Canadian citizens who qualify and not a handout. As taxpayers we pay for the OAS just as we do for the CPP, health and hospital insurance, etc. At one time the tax bite for OAS was indicated on the income tax form —and this should be now resumed, in view of the fact that too many people have the idea that the OAS is a welfare payment. It's NOT.

Again we call on organizations for seniors to fight back — and fight hard — against the obvious attempts being made now to cut back on a very needed pension. Old Age Security.

Described as Israel's Vietnam

Leaders seek Lebanon pullout



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

It is hardly surprising that Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir, in their talks to form a national unity government, did not tarry too long in reaching agreement on the issue of southern Lebanon.

While the pair labored to thrash out their differences over settlements in the occupied territories, they encountered no real difficulty in agreeing on the need for a speedy Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

Although Peres and Shamir disagreed on certain technicalities, it was clear that neither sought to prolong Israel's occupation of Lebanon by any more than a minute.

There is a consensus in Israel today that the Israeli army ought to pull out, and the sooner the better. In some circles, Lebanon is being described in sombre tones as Israel's Vietnam.

Whether or not that characterization is accurate remains open to debate. But what is almost certainly true is that Israel's 2 year presence in that deeply divided country represents a heavy burden for a nation with a small population and relatively scarce resources.

Since the Israeli invasion of June, 1982, Israel's death toll in Lebanon has steadily risen. Nearly 600 Israeli troops have been killed, almost 100 of whom have fallen in the past year. Several thousand have been wounded.

They have been the victims of ambushes, fire fights and massive explosions. Their killers, in the main, have been Lebanese guerrillas intent on driving out Israel from Lebanon.

The Israeli occupation, which costs Israeli taxpayers at least $1 million per day, evokes near unanimous disapproval in the hearts and minds of Lebanese.

Lebanese, prone to quarrel, may fight over power sharing, Lebanon's national identity or Syria's role in Lebanon. Yet, when the subject is Israel, they suddenly close ranks in a display of amazing solidarity.

Even the commander of the Israeli-trained South Lebanon Army, General Antoine Lahad, has been quoted as saying that Israel must eventually leave and let the Lebanese solve their own problems.

Virtually the only Lebanese who do not lay the stress on a rapid Israeli withdrawal are anti-Arab Maronite Christians who fancy themselves as the successors of the ancient Phoenicians. They are part of a minuscule minority.

The negativism which greets the Israeli army is a far,far cry from the cordial reception accorded to the Israelis by Christians and Moslems alike just two years ago.

Showering Israeli troops with rice, Christians welcomed them as liberators who had banished the PLO. Extending the hand of co-operation, if not actual friendship, Shiite Moslems in the deep south displayed outward relief that their region would no longer be a battleground pitting Israel against the Palestinians.

The honeymoon was short-lived.

When it dawned on everyone, including the Israelis, that the problem was more complex than originally imagined, disillusionment set in.

Israel, having predicated its withdrawal on a Syrian pullout, obviously miscalculated. Once it was clear that Syria had no intention of leaving, Israel made up its mind to stay until its vulnerable northern border could be secured. This triggered a negative reaction from local Lebanese, who had expected a surgical Israeli operation.

Soon enough, the Israeli army was subjected to practically daily hit-and-run raids. Israel retaliated by arresting suspected Shiite (and Palestinian) guerrillas, closing vital roads and, in a reversion to pre-1982 tactics, using its air force and navy to bombard Shiite and Palestinian bases north of its lines.

The Shiite Moslems, who comprise the largest population group in southern Lebanon, were particularly upset when Israel closed the main north-south coastal highway and diverted all civilian Lebanese traffic to one narrow, congested road.

The closure, which the Israelis hope will stem the tide of terrorism, has affected the agricultural economy of southern Lebanon by making it infinitely harder for farmers to distribute their crops.

According to reports, the restrictions on travel have made the movement of manufactured goods difficult and expensive, and caused considerable hardship in everyday life.

Shiite hostility has been generated by additional factors as well.

Resenting the influx of Israeli fruits and vegetables into their domain, the Shiites were angered by Israel's attempt to foist (the now deceased) Major Saad Haddad — and the Christian Phalange militia — on the south.

And they were greatly upset by an incident in Nabatiye, formerly a PLO stronghold, in which an Israeli patrol allegedly opened fire on a procession of Shiite celebrants during an important religious feast.

In its wake, Sheikh Muhammad Mahdi — the chief Shiite religious leader — issued an authoritative ruling, ordering "comprehensive civil resistance" to Israel's occupation. Opposition to it, therefore, became something of an Islamic duty.

Observers generally agree that Israel began to tighten its grip on southern Lebanon after two major developments: the Lebanese government's decision, last March, to abrogate its troop withdrawal accord with Israel, and the related decision, in July, to close Israel's liaison office in a suburb north of Beirut.

The government which took these significant decisions was one beholden to Syria — the chief power broker in Lebanon. It came as no surprise when the newly-installed Lebanese premier, Rashid Karami, declared that his "top priority" would be to "liberate the south by all possible ways."

Neither were analysts surprised by his stinging comment that his regime "respects" guerrillas battling the Israelis, or by his attempt to get the UN Security Council to pass a resolution calling on Israel to withdraw and to immediately "lift its siege" on southern Lebanon. (The U.S. vetoed that resolution.)

In the same spirit, Nabih Berri, the Beirut Shiite leader and cabinet minister, said recently that guerrillas would step up their attacks against Israeli forces. In a subsequent interview, he noted that Lebanon could not be responsible for guaranteeing the security of Israel's northern border.

The escalating anti-Israel rhetoric emanating from Beirut has hardened Israel's resolve to protect its troops, estimated to number 15,000, and to gradually transfer responsibility for security to the South Lebanon Army.

Correspondents who've visited southern Lebanon of late report that the Israeli army, despite its traditions of mobility and daring, is increasingly hunkering down behind fixed emplacements, protected by huge embankments of earth, rolls of barbed wire and guard towers with heavy machine guns and spotlights to illuminate night approaches.

And, they write, convoys of trucks and armored personnel carriers are being used to ferry soldiers around.

It is reported, too, that the Israelis have built a road which enables troops to bypass Nabatiye, where there have been constant ambushes.

On another front, Israel has handed over security duties to the South Lebanon Army—a force consisting of approximately 2,000 to 3,000 men — in Nabatiye and Sidon. Meanwhile, Israel is spending $17 million to fortify its defences in eastern Lebanon, where the Syrian army is stationed.

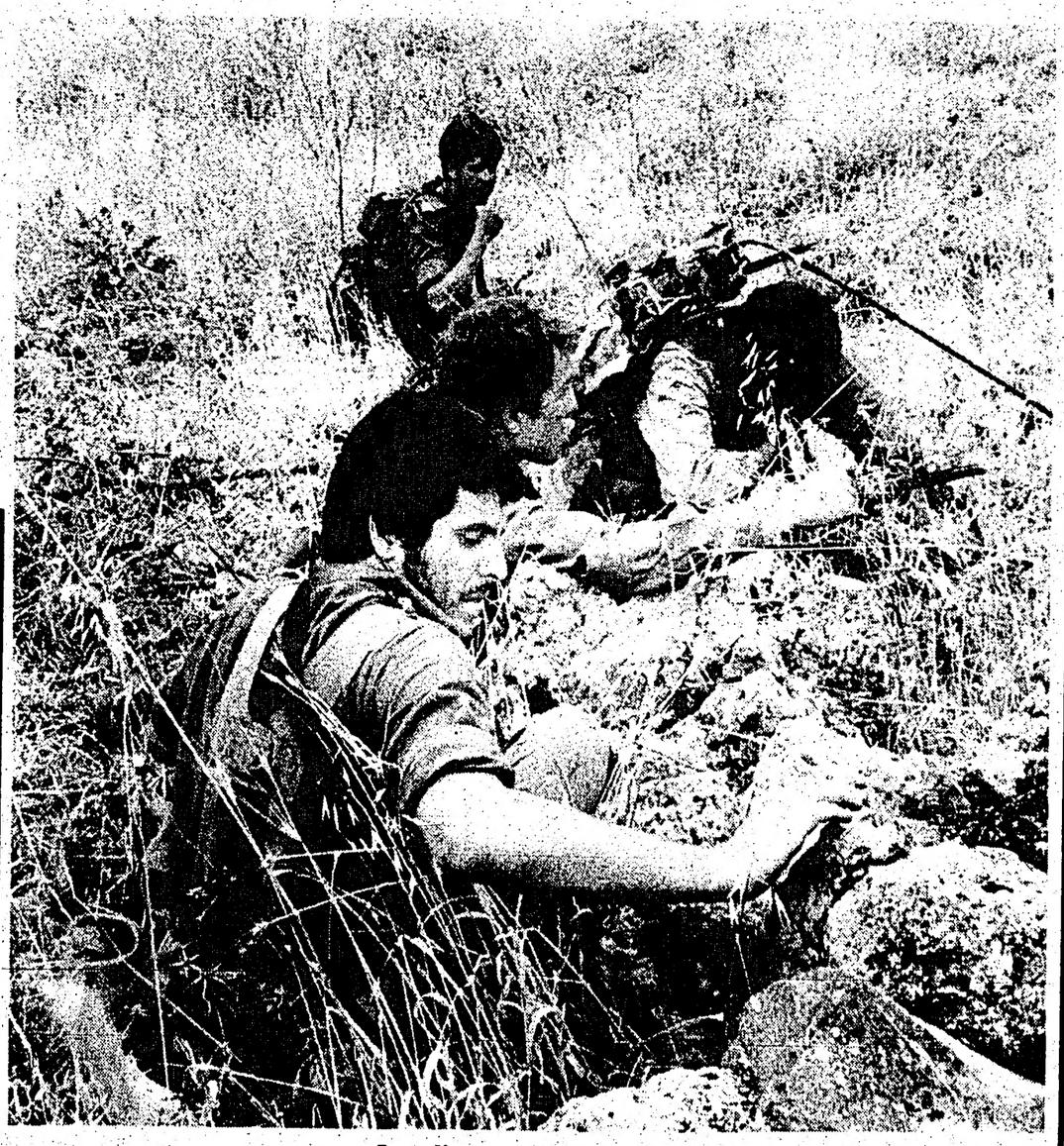
Israel, whose present line runs eastward along the Awali River and southeastward down across the Bekaa Valley to its own frontier, has "every intention" of withdrawing from Lebanon, claims Yitzhak Shamir, the deputy prime minister.

The question, of course, is when.

Over the last two years, Israel has withdrawn its forces from two sectors — the southern outskirts of Beirut and the Beirut-Damascus highway, and the Shouf Mountains. It is conceivable that the Israelis, when they decide to do so, will evacuate Lebanon in stages.

They could pull back to the Zahrani River, which would mean they would be spared of the headache of controlling Sidom, with its population of 100,000. Alternatively, they could drop back to the Litani River, 15 miles north of the Israeli border, or to the enclave which they handed over to the late Saad Haddad in 1978.

Whatever they do will be carefully calculated. But, in the meantime, Israel must somehow cope with its burgeoning problems in southern Lebanon. They will not go away.



Israeli troops in Lebanon.

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Opinion

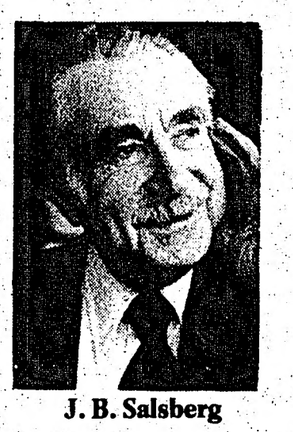
No fond farewell to 5744

The critical issues remain unsolved

By
J. B. SALSBERG

While individual Jews may, for whatever personal reason, think kindly of the Jewish calendar year 5744 that is now departing, it is my opinion that for the Jewish people, as a worldwide community, it was a period barren of positive benefits.

Moreover, the fading year utterly failed (if it ever tried) to resolve a single critical issue that Israel and the worldwide Jewish community was confronted with.



J. B. Salsberg

I, therefore, offer no fond farewell to 5744. In honesty I can only say: Good riddance . . . get lost!

Am I unkind or unfair? I don't think so. Let us see:

Realistically speaking and taking into account the nature and trends of the modern societies among whom we live, Israel offers the only assurance for the continuity of our national identity. The welfare and safety of Israel must, therefore, receive priority in any serious examination of what a calendar year has brought to bear on Israel.

What has 5744 done for Israel? It recorded an alarming division of the Israel nation. The recent election dramatized that unhappy condition.

The so-called national unity government that was finally formed after seven weeks of post-election haggling will need divine intervention to remain in power. The two major partners, Likud and Alignment, proclaimed their unwavering adherence to their respective basic positions on all major issues that have divided them until now. Each major player in the "unity" government will, in reality, retain veto power over the other.

Whether there was an alternative is a debatable question, but there is nothing to rejoice over and, certainly, nothing to be thankful for to the year in which shotgun marriage, because of the tragic division of Israeli society, was imposed on the Jewish state.

Peace with neighbors the most crucial of all problems

Or, let's take the issue of peace with its neighbors. It is surely the most crucial of all problems facing the State of Israel. There is no denying that there are some fundamental differences between the two major partners on such matters as the West Bank (Yehuda and Shomron); on the Likud's understanding of autonomy for the Arabs living in that area; on the matter of representation in Parliament of the state (franchise) for all who live within its borders and on many other such fundamental issues.

How, therefore, will a unity government that is divided on practically all of the above (and other) issues be able to function?

What a legacy the year 5744 leaves behind for Israel and, by extension, for world Jewry for whom Israel is the overriding concern!

As for the third largest Jewish community, that of the Soviet Union, nothing that happened during the past year relieved that embattled Jewish section from the evil effects of the cultural genocide policy of the Soviet Union. The 2½ million Jews within the borders of the USSR continue to be deprived of any and all forms of Jewish education or of any kind of self-administered and centrally operative social or cultural organization. It is a ghastly situation that call for the most massive, worldwide Jewish and non-Jewish politcal pressure to bring about any change.

Nor did the past year given cause for complacency (let alone satisfaction) in the area of Jewish life in North America (including Canada), where the largest contingent of world Jewry lives.

The small advances that the Orthodox sector made can satisfy only the extremists in that camp for whom all Jews outside of their own spiritual confines are as good as lost and are, therefore, deserving of either pity or their contempt. They ignore the fact that the Reform, Conservative, Reconstruction and also Jewish secularism sprang from Orthodox roots and were responses to the economic, social and cultural transformation that engulfed the areas of the world in which the majority of Jews lived for the past two centuries.

As for the mainstream of North American Jewry, it is still in the process of massive changes and still lacking a cohesive form. Only Israel seems to enliven and to coalesce the major elements of the North American Jewish scene. The massive and successful fund raising efforts for Israel and the dynamic political support to the Jewish state are positive expressions of the Jewish consciousness that still pulsates within the body of North American Jewry.

What will follow when Israel becomes self-reliant?

But what of tomorrow? What will follow when, as we all hope, Israel becomes economically and politically self-reliant? Crystal gazers can see only a formless, murky picture.

Am I presenting a pessimistic picture of the year that has just passed? No, I don't think so. I believe that it is a realistic appraisal of our global Jewish scene at year's end.

Am I hopeful for the future, for the new year whose threshold we are approaching?

I am not without hope. A people that has met and overcome so many difficult and puzzling challenges will, surely, not lack the intelligence and the farsightedness to overcome the present problems. No, I am not pessimistic.

So, be on your way, 5744! Welcome, 5745!

A healthy, happy and promising New Year to all of you!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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ISRAEL ELECTION COVERAGE

Your coverage of the Israeli election was amazingly inadequate, especially in view of your extensive coverage of the Canadian election.

While it is true we Canadian Jews don't get a vote in Israeli elections, our work for Israel in fund raising, political support and prayers, and even simply our emotional connection entitles us to know what is happening there and why.

Sholom Aclachtly
Toronto

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SEEKS MILITARY LORE

You ran an article not too long ago headed "Survivor of Jewish Brigade, ardent Labor Zionist fought in Palestine."

You obviously meant that the late David Gold fought with the Jewish Legion.

Part of the British Royal Fusiliers during World War I, it consisted of Jewish volunteers such as Jabotinsky, Ben-Gurion and other famous names.

As a serious researcher and collector of Jewish military history, I enjoy clipping the many fine articles in your publication, which is given to me by relatives in Windsor.

I'd be interested in hearing from Jewish war veterans who would be able to add to my collection.

Jack H. Schwartz
23450 Scotia Rd.
Oak Park, Mich.

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PRAISE FOR GOLDBLATT

I was saddened to learn in your Aug. 16 obituary of the death at 84 of Morley Goldblatt of Hamilton ("Played key role in Shalom Village").

Not mentioned was Morley's important activity 40 years ago as the German defeat in World War II drew to a close. The Haganah of Palestine began planning for the defence of what was to become Israel.

Morley was helpful to a group of us in Canada and New York asked us to prepare tools that could manufacture vital weapons right in Palestine.

Morley's "feel" for the market enabled us to buy tremendous quantities of machine tool equipment at a fraction of the original cost. He thus stretched the Haganah dollar and helped lay the foundation for what became the Israel defence industries.

He did his bit at a crucial time and deserves credit.

Harry Steiner
Toronto

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PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER SHORTAGE

I have a suggestion to alleviate the unbelievable shortage of qualified Jewish preschool teachers and day care centres.

Young girls would do well to train in this field and mature women wishing to re-enter the work force could open a day care centre hiring a supervisor with the necessary qualifications.

Even if the supervisor is not Jewish, the owner(s) could make sure that at least some part of the children's program would have Jewish content.

This would be an excellent area to explore for entrepreneurs who'd like to combine Jewish cultural values and a profitable enterprise.

Ahuva Evan
Toronto

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BLIND SEE WITH HEARTS

In a confused world it is my joy to extend New Year thanks to the considerate and loving members of Toronto's Hebrew Club for the Blind — for they see with their hearts.

As their volunteer coordinator for many years, I have been often thanked for what I am supposed to have done for them.

But that's nothing compared to what they have done for me spiritually and morally. During my husband's recent illness, many elderly blind members — even from their hospital sick beds — touched me deeply with their loving phone calls.

Thank you, dears, for having set such a shining example to those who are sighted.

Phyllis Mint
Toronto

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ANTI-KEEGSTRA HEROINE

Looking back on the James Keegstra hearings in Red Deer, Alta., this past year, I would like belatedly to give due credit and thanks to Susan Maddox, a 37-year-old housewife who was the heroine of that entire unsavory affair.

She had the courage to remove her son, Paul, from Keegstra's classes, and protest that the bigoted teacher had been presenting a distorted version of history to his students, thus touching off the hearings.

Lila Goldstein
Toronto

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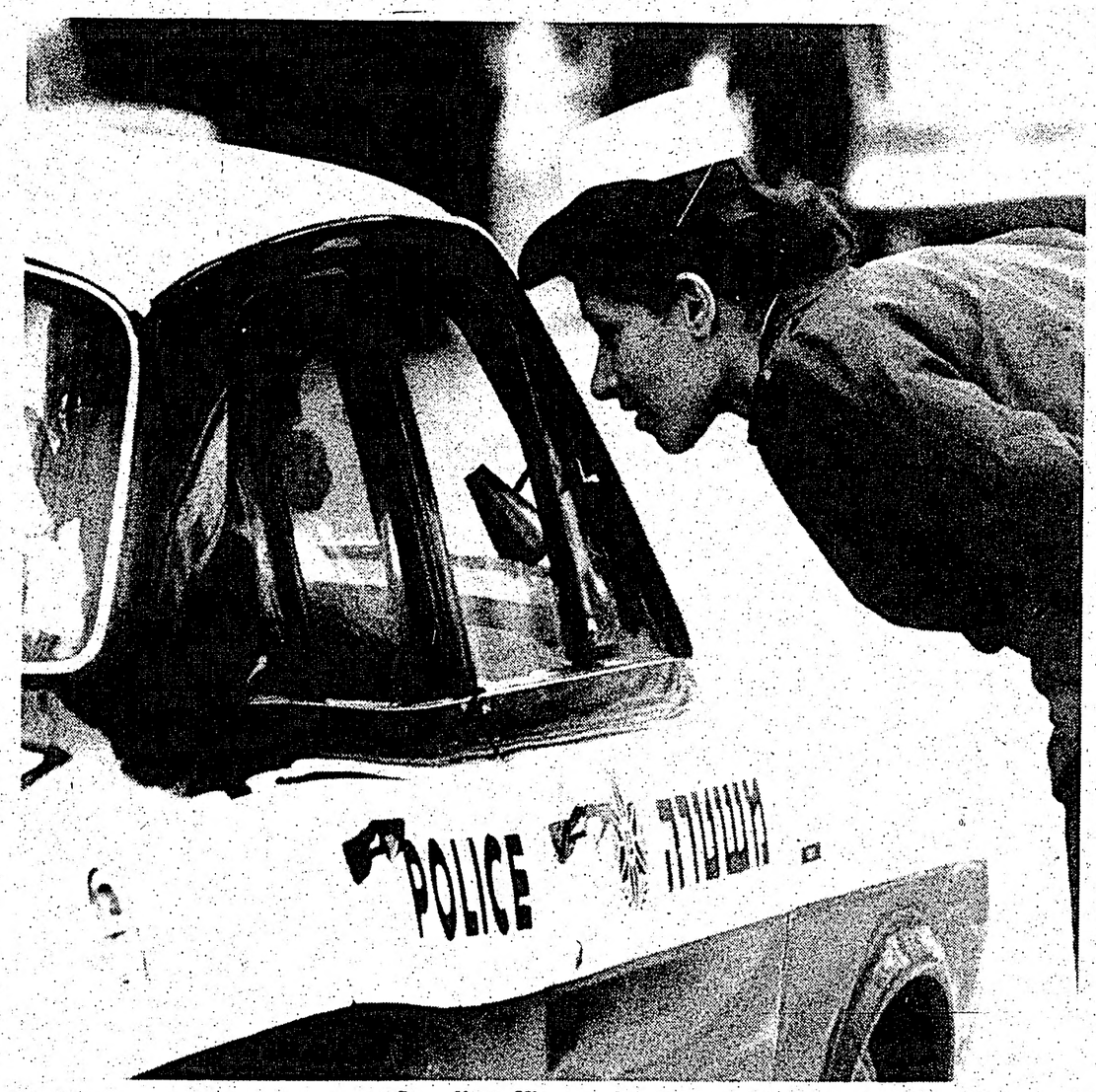

Israeli traffic cop doing her duty.

SALUTES FEMALE COPS

As a first-time visitor to Israel recently, I was mighty impressed by the courtesy extended to me by the female traffic cops in the hustle and bustle of Tel Aviv.

I'd be grateful if you'd publish a photo of one of these super-polite diplomats in police uniform.

Sam Stein
Toronto

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MINSTREL SERENADES RASKY

It is very difficult for me to find the proper words to adequately express my gratitude to you for Frank Rasky's Sept. 13 article on my attempt to revive the Yiddish theatre in Toronto ("Wandering minstrel's musical revue").

May I say that I am extremely grateful and extend to you my profound thanks.

Chaim Avron
Toronto

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BIG EYES ON TINY LAND

Now that Rosh Hashanah is approaching, and the Arabs keep threatening our Israeli homeland which is not that much larger than greater New York City, I'd like to pose one question.

The question is: Why do the Arabs have such big eyes on such a small piece of property?

Murray R. Newman
Toronto

Opinion

A review of the year in Israel

Economy, politics, war dominate Israeli life

By
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Researched By
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National elections dominated the news, not only in Israel, but in Canada and the United States during 5744.

As the year began, nervous Israelis rearranged the Hebrew letters used as symbols in the date. Pronounced as a word, rather than numerals, they spell out "tashmad" (destruction) — and many calendars in Israel were printed with the final two Hebrew letters reversed, so that the date could not be read as a word.

But as the year closed, the prophecy came true, not in Israel, but in Canada, where the governing federal Liberal party suffered the most stunning defeat in its entire history, crushed under the massive 211-seat majority won by Conservative Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in the Sept. 4 federal election.

There was no such dramatic political reversal in Israel. In spite of the tottering economy, the slowly but steadily mounting death toll in Lebanon, and a genuine crisis of conscience when an anti-Arab Jewish terrorist underground was exposed, Israelis, with the exception of a few splinter groups, hung on to their traditional political loyalties.

In a final irony, the year which began with talks on a national unity government which never got off the ground ended, after inconclusive elections, with the formation of — a national unity government.

The path to the polls began with the resignation of a sick, depressed Premier Menachem Begin in August, with no obvious successor at hand. Yitzhak Shamir, 68, the foreign minister and a colleague of Begin's from the pre-independence days of the Irgun underground guerrilla force, defeated Deputy Prime Minister David Levy 436-302 in the contest for the leadership of the Herut faction of the ruling Likud coalition.

But Shamir's victory was only the first step to the premiership. He still had to put together a new coalition — a process which took nearly six weeks.

His attempt to form a national unity government with Labor Alignment leader Shimon Peres was stillborn; the religious parties exacted concessions on the issue of conversion to Judaism — a sore point in the Diaspora; and a major crisis erupted when Finance Minister Yoram Avidor gave an ill-considered interview in which he proposed linking the shekel to the U.S. dollar as part of his new austerity program.

A weary Peres–Prime Minister at last.

Avidor was forced to resign after his idea was universally rejected; even Shamir publicly disowned it.

But the Premier found himself embroiled in a confrontation with the Liberal members of his coalition, who wanted the post for one of their own. When the Liberals themselves could not agree on who to propose, Shamir was able to get Knesset approval for his nominee, Yigal Cohen-Orgad.

The perilous state of the Israeli economy was the top issue as Shamir, a low-key politician very unlike his predecessor, attempted to keep the shaky coalition together.

Israelis reeled under an inflation rate that grew from 200% annually in the fall to 400% by spring; the International Monetary Fund dropped Israel below Mexico and Brazil on its "credit credibility" list; and at the beginning of January, 6,000 government workers went on strike for higher pay and allowances in the face of austerity measures that included reduced cost-of-living allowances and devaluation of the shekel.

At the end of January, the government gave with one hand, but took with another. An agreement with the Histadrut, staving off a threatened general strike, gave civil servants wage hikes to compensate for the escalating rate of inflation; but Cohen-Orgad imposed tough foreign currency restrictions prohibiting Israelis from holding bank accounts outside the country or trading in foreign shares — a traditional way to hedge against the devaluation of the shekel.

In February, Cohen-Orgad brought down an austerity budget, predicated on a general lowering of living standards and increased unemployment, which provoked a rebellion in the Sephardic wing of the Likud.

Following the budget, the tiny Tami party, led by Aharon Abu-Hatzeira, introduced a bill in early March calling for early elections. Tami represents mainly poorer Sephardim, who were hit hard by the austerity measures.

Shamir was unable to prevent defections by three members of his coalition, and the bill passed. But he was able to outfox Labor leader Shimon Peres and set a mid-summer election date — July 23 — when many middle-class Labor supporters would be on vacation.

Neither Shamir nor Peres are charismatic leaders, and Menachem Begin refused to come out of seclusion until just before the election — and then gave his endorsement to Likud only in a brief telephone interview.

Moreover, an agreement between Labor and Likud to limit political invective made for a gentlemanly, but dull, campaign.

The only excitement was generated by a series of crippling strikes — including work stoppages by firemen and hospital workers which put lives in danger; and by the emergence of several splinter parties.

Ezer Weizman, the War of Independence hero and former member of the Likud government who broke with Begin over relations with the Arabs, formed his own party, Yachad.

Splinter parties thwart majority for either bloc

Two new parties at the opposite ends of the electoral spectrum, the Progressive List for Peace and Rabbi Meir Kahane's extreme right wing Kach, had their right to participate in the elections restored by the Supreme Court.

The results were the most inconclusive ever. In spite of polls predicting a narrow Labor victory, Peres emerged with only 44 seats to Likud's 41. The splinter parties — 13 in all — took a total of 35, including one for Kahane.

As the year closed, after weeks of negotiations between Peres and Shamir, as well as within their own coalitions, a national unity government was finally formed.

Shamir and Peres agreed to share the premiership, with Peres leading off, for the first half of the term (two years and one month). Among the cabinet colleagues he never expected to have are Shamir, as deputy prime minister and foreign minister (Peres and Shamir will reverse roles during the second half of the term) and Ariel Sharon as minister of industry and trade.

After the elections, the overwhelming majority of Israelis did manage to unite — a most unusual occurrence — on one issue: condemnation of newly elected MK Rabbi Meir Kahane's foray into the Israeli Arab village of Umm El-Fahm.

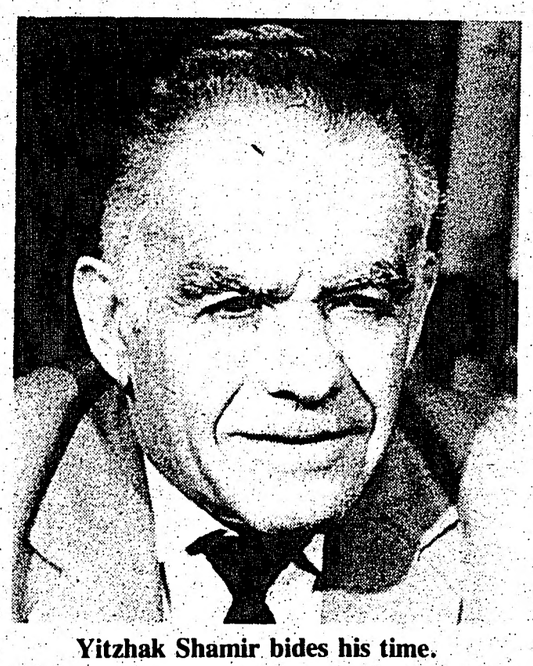
Proclaiming his parliamentary immunity from arrest or persecution "in the carrying out of my parliamentary duties," Kahane attempted to lead his followers into the village to urge the Arabs to leave Israel. Angry at being denied entry by the police on "operational" grounds, he was reported to have shouted, "Those dogs should be gassed."

In the months leading up to the elections, the Prime Minister had other problems to cope with besides the factional splits and shaky economy.

The occupation of Lebanon remained a source of grief, as the casualties climbed towards the 600 mark. The year began with some hope that Israel would manage to extricate itself as its troops pulled back behind the Awali River line, 40 kilometres north of the Israel-Lebanon border.

But the optimism died as it became clear that Amin Gemayel's government would be unable to take control of the country. Nor could his army prevent the Shouf mountains from becoming a battleground between the Syrian-backed Druze militia and the pro-Gemayel forces after the Israeli Army pulled out.

As the Lebanese civil war raged on, Syria turned its attention to PLO leader Yasser Arafat. By the end of December, Syrian forces and Syrian-backed factions of the PLO had managed to oust him from his last sanctuary, Tripoli. Much to Israel's disgust, he was welcomed warmly by Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak before taking his remaining troops to Tunis.



Yitzhak Shamir bides his time.

The violence in Lebanon reached into American and French homes when terrorist suicide bombers killed 230 U.S. Marines and 56 French troops on Oct. 23. Less than two weeks later, 28 Israelis and 30 Arabs were killed at an Israeli command post in Tyre.

Even the freeing of six Israeli prisoners by the PLO in November caused controversy — they were exchanged for 4,500 Palestinians, many of whom were convicted terrorists.

One of the few positive results of the Lebanese invasion — the troop withdrawal agreement hailed as a virtual peace treaty when it was signed by Israel and Lebanon in May 1983 — evaporated when, in February, Gemayel abrogated the pact under pressure from Syria and Saudi Arabia. The 4-nation peacekeeping force in Lebanon disintegrated when U.S. President Ronald Reagan announced that the Marines would be pulled out.

For the rest of the year, Israel hung on grimly in southern Lebanon. Six more Israelis came home in June in a prisoner exchange with Syria. But Lebanon never became a real election issue — both major parties promised to get out.

Israeli settlement policy on the West Bank was another fractious issue that exploded when, in late April, Jerusalem police discovered an attempted mass sabotage of Arab-owned buses in East Jerusalem.

In the wave of arrests that followed, stunned Israelis learned that an anti- Arab Jewish terrorist underground, made up predominantly of residents of the West Bank with ties to the ultra-Orthodox Gush Emunim movement, had been operating for at least five years.

By the time investigations were complete, charges had been laid in a number of incidents, including the 1980 car bombings that maimed two West Bank Arab mayors; the machine gun and grenade attack at the Islamic College in Hebron that killed three and wounded 33 students; and an attempt to blow up El Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, two of Islam's holiest sites — all in addition to the bus sabotage attempt.

But the terror was not all on one side. At the beginning of April, a terrorist attack in the heart of Jerusalem's shopping district wounded 48 people. Days later, a bus was highjacked near Ashkelon. During the Israel Army's rescue operations, all four highjackers and one female soldier (a passenger in the bus) were killed.

Once more, Israel went through a moral crisis when, in spite of government censorship, the Israeli press revealed that two of the highjackers had been beaten to death after being taken prisoner.

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On the international scene, Israel won some and lost some.

The greatest success in foreign policy for Shamir was his state visit to Washington in November, accompanied by Defence Minister Moshe Arens, who forged close ties with the U.S. during his term as ambassador there.

Shortly before the visit, Congress voted to give Israel an extra $60 million in foreign aid funds for the current fiscal year, and approved Israel's request to spend $550 million of its military assistance appropriation for research and development at home, on the Lavi fighter plane.

The action set the tone of the visit, during which Israel-U.S. strategic cooperation was revived and steps were begun to create a free trade zone between the two countries, similar to the relationship between Israel and the Common Market.

Another major diplomatic victory came in March. Following the adoption by the House foreign affairs subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East of an amendment forbidding the sale of arms to Jordan, President Reagan withdrew his offer to sell sophisticated anti-aircraft missiles to both Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

But strong differences remained on the issue of the West Bank. In February, both the state department and the President reiterated U.S. policy opposing Israeli settlements in the occupied territories.

And while Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale pledged to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, President Reagan — almost sure to win reelection in November — threatened to veto any such legislation.

At the United Nations, the strategic cooperation agreement between the U.S. and Israel provoked a series of anti-Israel resolutions calling for sanctions against the Jewish state and denouncing the agreement.

But in June, UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar assured World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman that he would act forcefully against any expression of anti-semitism in UN debates.

In January, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl became the first German leader in 11 years to set foot in Israel. He was roundly criticized at home even more so than in Israel, for insisting on going ahead with a $5 billion arms deal with Saudi Arabia.

The cold peace with Egypt continued, but Morocco surprised other Arab states by inviting an official 35-member delegation from Israel to a conference of Moroccan Jewish communities from around the world in May.

But optimism on the part of some of the delegates that the invitation signalled a new Arab-Israeli peace initiative died when Morocco signed a treaty early in September uniting it with Israel's arch-enemy, Libya.

(Canada's relations with Israel during the past year became an election issue in several key ridings, and will be covered in the Canadian section of the roundup.)

And finally, in the "how not to do it" category, Israel suffered some diplomatic embarrassment when three Israeli nationals, including a respected anesthetist, were charged in a bizarre attempted kidnapping of a Nigerian diplomat discovered drugged in a crate in London's Stanstead Airport.

The kidnapping was so clumsy that it was difficult to know whether the Israeli government was more embarrassed by the incident itself or by the rumor that two of the kidnappers were members of the Israeli Secret Service — a rumor vehemently denied.

Kach supporters of Meir Kahane

Opinion

A review of the year in North America

Trudeau era ends; racism raises its ugly head

For Canadian Jews, there were two elections to follow in the late spring and summer — Israel's and our own.

Although support for the federal Liberal party had traditionally been strong within the Jewish community, loyalties began to waver last fall following then External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen's trip to the Middle East.

During a series of press conferences in Egypt, Jordan and Syria, MacEachen called for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, said he would not be opposed to an independent Palestinian state and offered to carry on a dialogue with the PLO. He described Israeli settlements on the West Bank as illegal.

Although MacEachen met with a delegation from the Canada-Israel Committee on his return and denied that there had been any change in Canada's policy towards Israel, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau raised Jewish hackles again when, in November, on a 19-day trip to the MIddle East which did not include Israel, he called for "reversal" of settlement on the West Bank and indicated a willingness to include PLO chief Yasser Arafat in peace negotiations.

In the spring, after Trudeau declared his intention to resign and the Liberal leadership race was on, another storm erupted when Zehdi Terzi, the PLO's official observer at the United Nations, was invited to testify before the Senate's foreign affairs committee hearings on the Middle East.

Defence lawyer Doug Christie, left, escorts Jim Keegstra into Red Deer provincial court. [Calvin Caldwell photo]

A Canadian Jewish News questionnaire sent to all seven Liberal leadership candidates zeroed in on the issue of upgrading relations with the PLO. While none of the six who replied were in favor, the strongest opposition came from the two leading contenders, John Turner and Jean Chretien.

In his speeches to the convention both before and after winning the leadership, Turner made a strong commitment to equality of opportunity and the concept of multiculturalism.

But he was not the only party leader looking to the ethnic vote. Brian Mulroney's Conservatives had been cultivating contacts with minority groups, and when the federal election was called at the end of June, the PCs could for the first time count on public support from a number of Jewish community leaders who were pleased with his strong anti-PLO stand as well as his message of change and national reconciliation.

In interviews with The CJN during the campaign, Mulroney, Turner and NDP leader Ed Broadbent all expressed strong support for Israel's right to exist and condemned the use of terror by the PLO.

The major policy difference surfaced on the issue of Israel's settlement policy, with both Mulroney and Turner — in a break with former Liberal policy — indicating that the settlements could be discussed during negotiations, while the NDP position called for a freeze and then "movement away from the West Bank," in Broadbent's words.

The other major news story which aroused intense interest among Canadian Jews was the continuing saga of former Eckville mayor Jim Keegstra, who is alleged to have taught anti-semitism rather than history to his students at Eckville High.

In January, Alberta Attorney-General Neil Crawford formally charged Keegstra under Section 281.2 of the Criminal Code with wilfully promoting hatred against an identifiable group (Jews).

Early in March, shortly after losing an appeal to get his teaching rights back, Keegstra pleaded not guilty. He was backed up at his appearance in a Red Deer, Alta., courtroom by Doug Christie, founder of the separatist Western Canada Concept Party, who volunteered to act as his lawyer.

Evidence at the preliminary hearing early in June was startling. Former students testified that Keegstra had taught them that Jews were cannibals and crooks responsible for fires, plagues, the French Revolution and the American Civil War.

Finally, after hearing 13 out of more than 25 possible witnesses, Judge Douglas E. Crowe cut short the hearing and ruled that there was enough evidence to commit Keegstra to trial.

One of the supporters who turned up — wearing his notorious blue hard hat — at Keegstra's hearing in Red Deer had previously made news in Toronto.

Ernst Zundel, operator of Samisdat Publishers, was charged in December with wilfully publishing false statements likely to cause injury. Unlike Section 281.2 of the Criminal Code, Section 177 under which Zundel was charged does not require the consent of the provincial attorney-general.

After several postponements and a demonstration outside the court by the Jewish Defence League which ended with a scuffle — hence Zundel's hard hat — a preliminary hearing date was set for June. After a closed hearing, Zundel was committed to trial on Jan. 7, 1985.

The activities of Keegstra and Zundel provoked more calls for tough legislation. The federal Task Force on Visible Minorities brought in a 165-page report in late March recommending changes to the Criminal Code that were incorporated in amendments proposed by Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan in June: removing the need for consent by the provincial attorney-general; removing the need to prove wilful intent; and putting the onus on the defence to prove that the defendant spoke the truth or from genuine religious conviction.

The legislation died when Parliament was dissolved.

In Ontario, a commission headed by former MPP Patrick Lawlor took a somewhat different tack, suggesting that the powers of the Human Rights Commission be broadened.

Reaction from the Ontario Region of Congress was lukewarm, but at a meeting with Premier William Davis early in September, an Ontario region delegation obtained a pledge that any legislation required to enable the Commission to deal expeditiously with cases would be passed quickly.

Another issue of concern to Canadian Jews was how to deal with suspected Nazi war criminals hiding in Canada.

More than a year ago, the Canadian Jewish Congress had submitted a brief to the Solicitor-General, Robert Kaplan, proposing that provisions of the Citizenship Acts of 1976 and 1946 be used to denaturalize and then deport any citizen who had lied about wartime activities which could have made him ineligible for citizenship.

But in spite of testimony by both Kaplan and RCMP Comissioner Robert Simmonds before the Commons justice committee last March indicating they were ready to move on one or two cases (Kaplan confirmed to The CJN that two cases were under investigation), 5744 drew to a close with nothing more heard.

And in an unsatisfactory twist of fate, Helmut Rauca, the only Canadian citizen ever to be extradited for war crimes, died in a West German prison — of an unpublicized case of intestinal cancer — less than a month after being charged in Frankfurt with the murders of more than 11,500 Lithuanian Jews during World War II.

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Jewish education is always a major item in the budgets of Jewish families and communal organizations.

Last November, Jewish families in Calgary were faced with a hefty hike in their tuition fees when the Calgary Public School Board voted to terminate contracts with two Jewish day schools and a Christian school.

But in March, the Calgary Separate School Board voted unanimously to accept the children from the Jewish day schools, with their programs intact, as "non-residents" for two years.

In Ontario, one of only two provinces which does not fund alternative religious schools like the Jewish day schools, Premier Davis' surprise extension of public funding to the previously unsupported senior grades of the Catholic system brought calls for full funding of all alternative systems.

As the year ended, the Jewish Association for Equity in Education was busy preparing its brief to the 1-man Shapiro Commission on the funding of alternative schools, expected to report in the spring of 1985.

The association was formed after the Jewish day schools broke with the more broadly based Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools over a tax case launched by OAAIS executive director Lyle McBurney.

In a decision which surprised many tax experts, McBurney won his case when the judge ruled that money he had paid to two Christian schools his children attended was not tuition but a charitable donation and therefore fully deductible.

And while parents in Ontario and Alberta were worrying about how to pay for their children's education, parents in Montreal were worried about getting the education they had paid for.

A bitter contract dispute at four Jewish day schools over increased teaching hours led to a lockout right after Passover. After more than 4,000 children had gone without schooling for five weeks (one school reopened after four), the dispute was settled, less than a month before the end of the school year and with no clear victors.

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Any attention that Canadian Jews could spare from their own and Israel's election campaigns was directed, somewhat nervously, south, where the race for the Democratic presidential nomination became increasingly nasty for Jews.

Jesse Jackson, the Black leader whose appeals

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney

to a "rainbow coalition" of minorities was swept along on clouds of oratory, should have bitten his tongue last February before referring to New York City as Hymietown.

Although he apologized, Jewish suspicions rose once again when a supporter of Jackson's, Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, threatened the Black reporter who broke the Hymietown story — and in the same speech called Hitler "a great man."

When, shortly before the Democratic national convention, Farrakhan referred to Judaism as "a gutter religion" and Jackson did not immediately disavow him, Jewish leaders across North America protected vehemently.

At the convention itself, Jackson made an impassioned plea for reconciliation, but remained steadfast in his insistence on a more pro-Arab U.S. foreign policy. But when Walter Mondale chose Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate, Jewish reaction was positive. Ferraro has been one of Israel's staunchest Congressional friends.

At their convention, Republicans wooed the Jewish vote with stands on Israel that matched the Democrats'. But religion in politics popped up as a surprise issue.

In a speech to a prayer breakfast of fundamentalists and born-again Christians during the convention, President Reagan said that "faith and religion play a critical role in the political life" of the U.S.

Days later, he backpedalled, telling a B'nai B'rith convention that he agreed with Thomas Jefferson that there must be "a wall of separation" between church and state.

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An issue that aroused considerable controversy within the North American Jewish community was the place of women in the rabbinate.

In October, the faculty of the (Conservative) Jewish Theological Seminary voted 34-8 to admit women to its rabbinical school as candidates for ordination. The vote followed the refusal last year of the Rabbinical Assembly, a Conservative rabbis association, to accept a woman ordained at a Reform seminary as a member.

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5744 was not a good year for oppressed Jews in two countries — Syria and the USSR.

The greatest tragedy took place at the end of December in Aleppo, Syria, where a pregnant Jewish woman, Lillian Abadi, 25, her 6-year-old son and her 4-year-old daughter were brutally murdered.

In the Soviet Union, emigration stopped almost completely. In all of 1983, only 1,314 Jews were allowed to leave, an average of 110 per month. During the first eight months of 1984, that average slipped to barely 80 per month.

The repression continued in spite of visits to Refuseniks by federal and Ontario parliamentarians, various church people, and even movie star Jane Fonda, who saw Ida Nudel, and an all-day hearing in Ottawa by the Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry which called for a federal "human rights" foreign policy.

Testimony at the parliamentary hearing indicated that anti-semitism is growing in the USSR and that Soviet Jews are more and more frequently being arrested for religious activities.

A B'nai B'rith Canada delegation to another group of threatened Jews, the Falashas of Ethiopia, reported that Israel is doing everything it can, but that "it is very difficult logistically" to get them out.

Milestones.....5744

Mazel tov to:

- Judith Resnick, 35, the first Jewish astronaut, who flew on Discovery when the 12th U.S. space shuttle flight finally got off the ground early this month.
- Eliahu Ben-Horin, the new Israeli ambassador to Canada.
- Neri Bloomfield and David Azrieli, who agreed to share the presidency of the Canadian Zionist Federation. (Do you suppose this is where Peres and Shamir got the idea?).
- Jewish senators Leo Kolber (named in December, 1983) and Jerry Grafstein (appointed in January, 1984). There are now seven Jews in the Canadian Senate.
- Montreal's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, the oldest organized congregation in Canada, celebrating its 215th birthday this year.

And sadly, this year the Jewish community lost:

- U.S. Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson, 77, in Seattle in September; while not a Jew, he was a staunch supporter of Israel, and co-sponsor of the Jackson-Vanik amendment linking trade concessions with Soviet Jewish emigration.
- The legendary Schwester Selma, 100, in Jerusalem in February; she had nursed at the Shaare Zedek hospital since 1916.
- Chief Justice Bora Laskin, 14th Chief Justice of Canada, 71, in Ottawa in March; in his most important case, he and his colleagues ruled that the federal government could patriate the constitution without first getting provincial consent.

Opinion

"Jewish faith rendered null and void"

Vatican's views prohibit relations with Israel

In his Friday night sermon on Sept. 13, the day the Pope was in Toronto, RABBI DOW MARMUR, senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, recalled that it was exactly two years ago that John Paul II received Yasser Arafat, "the terrorist supremo," in the Vatican. The rabbi continued by reviewing the situation that exists between the Vatican and the State of Israel. Excerpts from the sermon are published here.

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You could accuse me of making too much of that meeting between the Pope and Arafat if that had been an isolated incident. It is not, and in order to make my point, let me quote a passage from The Pope's Divisions (Penguin Books, 1982, page 212), the book on the Vatican by Peter Nicols, the Rome correspondent of the London Times and, by all accounts, an unbiased and reliable observer:

"The Vatican has no diplomatic relations with Israel and is suspected of favoring the cause of the Palestinians. And such suspicions are not unfounded. In 1974, the Israelis accused Bishop Hilarion Capucci, the Patriarchal Vicar of the Melchites (Eastern rite Christians in communion with Rome) in Jerusalem, of gunrunning for the Palestinians, tried him and sentenced him to 12 years' imprisonment. He was freed on the request of Paul VI, who undertook to send the bishop, who was an active organizer for Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization, to work in Latin America. He stayed there for a time, setting up a PLO headquarters, and was next heard of in Damascus and then practically superceded the apostolic nuncio in Teheran in a new role as intermediary between the Pope and Khomeini.

"He kept his official place in the PLO, despite the fact that at much the same time the Pope insisted that Father Robert Drinan, the highly respected Jesuit member of the U.S. Congress, should give up his seat as priests should not be directly involved in the political process."

This view is consistent with the problem that the church in general and the Catholic Church in particular, has had when it comes to the recognition of the legitimacy of Judaism.

In an article on Arafat's visit to Rome, Frederick Busi, writing in Midstream, sums it up succinctly:

"The Catholic Church could never accept the existence of Israel because it reserved for itself the claim to represent **verus Israel**, the true Israel, as fulfilled by Christian prophecy.

"On this point the Catholic Church has much in common with Islam. Both of these daughter religions claim to have superceded the parent faith. In their view the ancient Jewish faith is rendered null and void; its eternal inferior status can only inspire curiosity and scandal.

"An additional element in classic Catholic theology is truly sadistic in that it holds that Jews must forever suffer for rejecting and killing Christ. While these onerous beliefs were officially terminated during the last Vatican Council, such old notions surely must linger in some quarters of Christendom. It is common knowledge that the Roman curia opposed pro-Jewish resolutions at the Vatican Council and that it still controls the church's central bureaucracy in Rome."

There is no indication that the curia has changed its mind, or that the Pope is able to pursue a very different line. On the contrary.

Rabbi Dow Marmur

His theologically conservative stance suggests that he intends to uphold traditional doctrines also on many other issues. There is no clear evidence that he is liberal on this point.

Like so many good Christians before him, the Pope is probably quite favorably inclined to Jews as **individuals**, but it is questionable what his attitude might be to the Jewish **people** as a collective and to Judaism as a legitimate manifestation of God's will.

However, the Pope's and the Vatican's attitude to Israel is not the only reason why I cannot muster sufficient enthusiasm for the Pope's visit. As a religious radical I have also reason to be concerned because the resurgence of theological conservatism has meant that many beliefs I hold dear are being challenged.

My belief in personal freedom and individual choice is being negated by the papal stance on, for example, abortion and birth control. My commitment to free inquiry and free expression of thought stands in sharp contrast to attempts to muzzle liberal theologians in the church.

Although, on one level, the issues I raise here are internal to the Catholic Church, on another, they concern us all. For the Pope has not come here to speak only to Roman Catholics but to all Canadians and his stance is bound to have a bearing on the religious climate as a whole, because the impact of his visit is so massive.

It is an impact that may not be conducive to the religious enterprise in which we are engaged. As Reform Jews we are resisting the attacks on freedom within Judaism; it would be inconsistent and wrong if we condoned or ignored such attacks outside.

Yet, I would not like to give an impression that we Reform Jews should be opposing, or in any way boycotting, the Papal visit. Not at all. In fact (Holy Blossom) Rabbi James Prosnit attended earlier today the ecumenical service in St. Paul's Anglican Church. I myself was not too far from there commenting on the proceedings from a CBC mobile studio nearby.

I have refused the various invitations from journalists to condemn the Pope's visit on grounds of cost. Let not money be the issue in this, because by concentrating on finance we may be ignoring the other, more important, areas of concern on which I would like to focus and which I have tried to bring to your attention this evening.

But let me reiterate: the fact that we are critical does not mean that we are opposed. I for one recognize the importance of the papal presence to most of Canada's 10 million Catholics and I am happy for them that they have received the recognition in Canadian society they deserve.

At the same time, however, I want them to know of our concerns and I want my many liberal and radical friends in the Roman Catholic Church to know that I am thinking of them, and, together with them, am looking forward to a time when those who speak in the name of God will recognize the full scope of human freedom and human responsibility — a time when Catholics and Jews will truly affirm each other.

My affirmation of the visit, then stems from my affirmataion of my Roman Catholic friends, not from an acceptance of actions that are undertaken in the name of the Pope or an acceptance of his conservative orientation. I have been moved by the Pope's stance on economic issues, rights of minorities and other issues, but I would be much more moved and involved if the Pope also allowed himself to express in public some of the ambiguities and problems of human existence and showing us all — Christians, Muslims and Jews — how these ambiguities can be overcome. In the absence of such a lead, we remain sympathetic those to whom seeing and hearing the Pope means so much, without necessarily sharing in what is being said to them and without disguising our feeling that something could be said to us, too.

Some of Israel headliners hardly fit the role of heroes

By
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JERUSALEM —

What were the new names that made the biggest news stories in Israel during the year just elapsed?

In the annual Rosh Hashanah selection we list only names which have never appeared here before. Meir Kahane, for example, and others, have been listed in previous years. These are not necessarily the "heroes" of the year; some achieved notoriety of a sort, but all were top headliners — presented in alphabetical order.

Tereza Anghelovici, a non-Jewish woman who had passed as a Jewess, and had been buried in a Jewish cemetery in Rishon Lezion, was the centre of a ghoulish drama when her body was disinterred by Orthodox zealots and abandoned in a Moslem graveyard. Under a ruling from the High Court of Justice, the body was reburied in its original grave, but the episode opened deep wounds in the secular-religious conflict.

Yasser Arafat has certainly been in the news before, but he made it big time in Israel this year as bloody fighting in northern Lebanon appeared to tear the PLO irrevocably into battered fragments. Yet Arafat, with his military power smashed, seems Phoenix-like to have survived politically to continue his struggle to destroy Israel.

Yona Avrushmi, of Jerusalem, has been formally charged with the killing of Peace Now activist, Emil Grunzweig. Diligent police work gathered evidence which fingered the suspect, but he denies having committed the crime. The trial is yet to be held.

Justice Gabriel Bach, chairman of the Central Elections Committee, is generally credited for the cleanest and most peaceful election campaign in Israel's history. The electioneering was generally dull, and the results were politically catastrophic for the country, but the entire undertaking was carried out according to the highest standards of democracy.

Yigal Cohen-Orgad stepped into the hottest seat in the Israel government, that of the minister of finance. Inflation continued, but his effort to reduce the unfavorable trade balance as a first corrective measure has met with great success. Objective observers gave him "A" for effort under most difficult political conditions.

Assaf Hafetz, a high-ranking officer in the national police department, was suspended from the force by his superiors on charges that he had leaked internal information to the press with the intention of embarrassing his commanding officers. The case against him was based on tapped telephone lines. Israel's High Court upheld the suspension.

Yehudit Karp, assistant attorney-general, two years ago drew up a report severely critical of law enforcement in Judea and Samaria when offences were allegedly committed by Jewish settlers. The Karp Report was shelved, and only this year, under pressure, was it made public.

Yaacov Levinson, former chairman of the Bank Hapoalim Board of directors, and twice proposed as a Labor Party candidate for the post of minister of finance, committed suicide after persistent reports that he was under police investigation for alleged "irregularities." His suicide note denied any wrongdoing, and charged that a "gang . . . lording it at the bank" was out to get him and had driven him to this desperate act.

Menahem Livni, 37, resident in the old Jewish quarter of Hebron, was arrested as reputed leader of the so-called Jewish terrorist underground. The arrest of 27 suspects on various charges of conducting a terrorist campaign against Arabs, sent shock waves through the community. First individual trials resulted in convictions.

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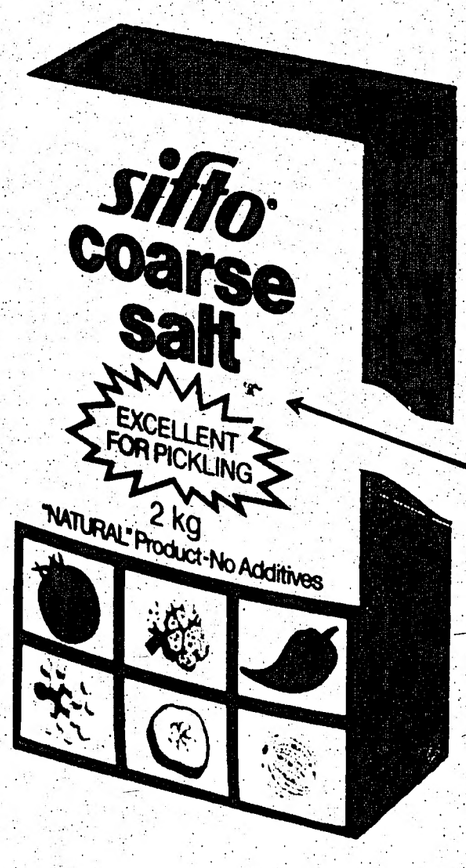

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Labor, Likud lose votes to fringe parties

By
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A statistical analysis of the July election in Israel shows that, for the first time in 19 years, both major party blocs — Labor and Likud — polled a lower percentage of the votes than in the previous election.

Between 1965 and 1981, Labor's vote rose by 90,000, while Likud's vote increased by 464,000. However, in the 1984 election, Labor's share of the poll fell from 36.6% to 34.9%. Likud dropped from 37.1% to 31.9%.

According to a study by the Institute of Jewish Affairs, in London, very few voters switched from one major party to the other. Instead, in a reversal of recent trends, voters switched from Labor or Likud to the multitude of fringe parties.

In 1981, Labor and Likud won 95 Knesset seats, comparaed to 85 this time around. The remaining 35 seats were divided among 13 small parties. Tehiya-Tsomet, with 5 seats, became the third largest party in Parliament.

If Tehiya-Tsomet cut into Likud support, so did Morasha (2 seats). It is estimated that Likud lost at least 77,000 votes to these ultra right-wing factions.

On the kibbutz, Labor lost important support to parties like Citizens Rights Movement and Shinui — both of which are to its left.

Looking at the 1984 election in geographic terms, Labor polled 29.5% of the votes in development towns, for Likud's 49%. On moshavim, Labor captured 64.9% of the vote, and Likud garnered 14.2%.

An intriguing fact was confirmed by the last election: In Israel, unlike Europe or North America, the most radical left-wing voters were found in the countryside, particularly among the veterans of moshavim and kibbutzim, and not in the cities.

In urban areas, especially in the poorer quarters, there was a swing to the right.

Generally, in a paradox of Israel politics, Israelis who could be considered socially and economically disadvantaged were inclined to vote for parties of the right.

Israelis who might be expected to enjoy the status quo aligned themselves with the parties of the left, if Labor is included in this category.

The "ethnic factor" cannot be overlooked. Sephardic Jews, who now comprise a majority of the population, were one-sidedly in favor of Likud and the religious parties (which hold 13 seats). Conversely, Labor, Shinui and the Citizens Rights Movement got most of their backing from Ashkenazic Jews.

Seventy-three percent of Sephardics voted for Likud and the religious camp, while 21.5% cast their ballots for Labor. For Labor, the figure represents a decline from 1981 (22.5%) and 1977 (24.6%).

Among Jews of European and/or American origin, 24.3% voted for Likud or Tehiya-Tsomet and over 56% for Labor. When religious voters are excluded, it appears that six out of 10 "Europeans" and "Americans" voted for Labor.

The Citizens Rights Movement and Shinui gained nearly 4% of the European-American vote. Two percent went to parties that failed to obtain the minimum percentage necessary for a Knesset seat.

The study claims that, with the emergence of Tami (1) and Shas (4), ethnic politics have come to dominate the religious community to much the same extent as in the community at large.

Tami and Shas, with 9.5% of the total Sephardic vote, have 60% of the Sephardic religious votes.

The National Religious Party is equally balanced with two Sephardic and two Ashkenazic MKs, but the remaining two Aguda members and the two from Morasha are all of European descent.

What this means is that seven out of 13 religious MKs are Sephardic Jews.

Israel's 600,000 Arab citizens elected seven Arab MKs: two for the Communists, two for Labor-Mapam, and one each for Likud, Shinui and the Progressive List for Peace (a new party which advocates a PLO-administered Palestinian state).

Accounting for 10% of the total vote, Arabs cast most of their votes for the Communists (35%) and the Progressive List (18%), in what was clearly a protest against Zionist parties in general and against Labor-Mapam in particular.

By voting for the Communists and the Progressive List to the tune of 53%, Israeli Arabs, for the first time since Israel's creation, cast their ballots for parties which can be described as being outside the national consensus or mainstream.

Scrutineers empty ballot box during Israel's election. [IPPA photo]

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Claims conditions better under Assad

Mike Wallace defends program on Syrian Jews

By ARNOLD AGES

Mike Wallace, one of the CBS regulars on the network's popular Sixty Minutes, says in a new book entitled Close Encounters (Morrow) that his 1975 program on Syria — in which the Jewish community was featured — was an essentially accurate depiction, despite assertions to the contrary by officials of the American Jewish Congress.

Before he left on the Syrian trip, Wallace had received highly negative impressions of Syria and its treatment of Syrian Jews. "I had heard the same stories over and over again: The Jews in Syria were confined to ghettos and were constant victims of persecution. A tight curfew was imposed on them and they were not allowed to have telephones or drive automobiles. Nor were they permitted to worship in synagogues or study in their traditional language."

In Damascus, reports Wallace, he found a situation quite different from what he had anticipated. He found Jews living not only in the Jewish quarter but in Muslim enclaves as well. Government officials told him that there were 14 synagogues in the city and Hebrew instruction was permitted.

One of Wallace's informants, Maurice Nusseri, told the CBS journalist during a visit to the former's home that Jews were permitted to drive cars and that he, Nusseri, would be ready to fight against Israel in the Syrian army if the situation demanded it.

The idea that the CBS team might have been "set up" at the interview did cross Wallace's mind but in the end he came away convinced that he could discern the difference between "genuine warmth and a false front assumed to mislead visitors."

Jews experience disabilities

"I heard later from Jewish organizations in New York that the Nusseris had been reluctant to receive us, but felt it was discreet to cooperate with our hosts, the Syrian authorities. However, when I visited Damascus again nine years later, in January 1984, that was not what I heard privately from Maurice Nusseri."

A Jewish teacher also interviewed in Damascus told Wallace that Jews in Syria "were allowed to study Hebrew, attend synagogue and observe other traditions of their faith and culture." Stories about how badly Jews were being treated in Syria were the product, she said, of "Zionist propaganda."

While acknowledging that Jews did experience certain disabilities in Syria (no government jobs, lack of movement within Syria and no emigration possibilities) Wallace says that to some degree all Syrians suffered from the same restrictions.

The Sixty Minutes segment on Syria entitled Israel's Toughest Enemy was aired on February of 1975. Protests against the episode came both from individuals and from an "organized mail campaign." Wallace says that a representative of the American Jewish Congress "came on all sweetness and light" in inviting Wallace to discuss the program with her.

Although he had extended an invitation to the American Jewish Congress caller alone, a whole delegation walked in to the meeting. Wallace says that the tone of the meeting was set by a Congress official who aspersed the Jewishness of a CBS executive who had anglicized his name.

After hearing the criticisms of the AJC delegation Wallace and his team "did more research on the Syrian story after it was first broadcast than before we put it on the air." Interviews were conducted with American diplomatic personnel who had been in Syria. The story of grim persecution of Jews was accurate but the chronology was wrong; it had occurred before 1970 when Assad had come to power. According to his interlocuters, conditions for Syrian Jews had improved much since then.

Wallace says that during a return trip to Syria in February 1976 he met with a Jewish physician named Hasbani who boasted about seeing 60 non-Jewish patients a day. They came to see him precisely because he was Jewish.

In an interview with Assad, the Syrian leader said: "I think that the Syrian Jews love their country, and they are satisfied with their way of life. The instructions to our ministers is to treat Jews like all other Syrian citizens. If there are individual cases, they will be treated as would similar cases of non-Jews. But this does not change the general rule, which is: Jews are citizens of this country."

Wallace says that the American Jewish Congress was less hostile when the Syrian update program was aired but accuses the organization of resorting to a cheap shot by drawing an analogy "that I found obscene. . . . they compared our broadcasts to 'films in which Goebbels portrayed the clean and tidy barracks in the idyllic concentration camps.'

"At its absolute worst, Jewish life in Syria did not approach the black psychosis of the Third Reich, and, in my opinion even to suggest such a parallel was to dishonor the memory of millions who suffered and died in the Holocaust."

Shalom Centre warns of nuclear holocaust

PHILADELPHIA — Over 150 rabbis, scientists, and Jewish communal leaders last week issued a statement for Rosh Hashanah, calling on Jews to "take action to prevent the death of all humanity in a worldwide nuclear holocaust."

The statement was issued under the auspices of The Shalom Center, a national Jewish resource centre located in Philadelphia.

The statement said "repentance in our personal lives" — the traditional concern of Jews during the High Holy Days — is inadequate if it does not include action for peace.

The statement applied this standard to the current presidential election campaign.

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During Nazi era...

Leaders indicted for failure to act

By
DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA)— Secretary of State George Shultz and Elie Wiesel, chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, made the same point during a recent ceremony at a conference called "Faith in Humankind: Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust."

"What a terrible indictment that hardly any rescuers are to be found among the statesmen and leaders of the period," Shultz told more than 1,100 persons at the Kennedy Center. Wiesel noted that among those who had the "courage to care" there were few superior officers, few renowned writers, few influential politicians.

Shultz, who pointed out that Nazi Germany ended the belief that high education and culture will prevent a country from falling into racism and barbarity, said: "It may be that our real bulwark against tyranny and evil is not high culture but the good sense and humane instincts of average citizens who know the difference between right and wrong."

The conference honored the rescuers of Jews during the Holocaust. Dr. John Silber, president of Boston University, called them a "small light in a vast darkness."

Dr. Yitzhak Arad, chairman of the directorate of the Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, said the Yad Vashem had discovered more than 5,000 rescuers and trees have been planted in their honor at the Holocaust Memorial as "the righteous among the nations."

Seventy-five of the rescuers were present at the conference opening and they stood to loud applause.

Lillian Gaffney of Belgium, whose parents rescued 30 Jews, said they had believed it was "not only the right thing but the only thing to do." Her mother, Germaine Belinne, participated in the conference.

Bayard Rustin, the civil rights leader and a member of the Holocaust Council, noted that to rescue Jews required a "small act." Wiesel added that nations also could have taken small steps, saying the state department could have given more visas to Jews.

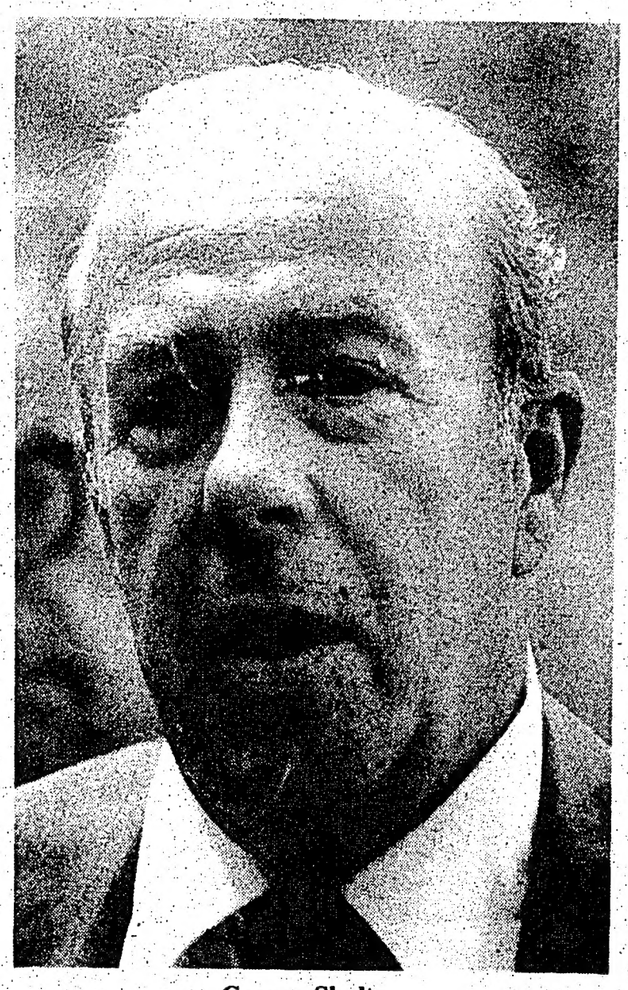
Wiesel stressed that "Jews also tried to save Jews" and that the State of Israel demonstrates to the world how a country can "save communities from persecution and death."

Wiesel said that while the Holocaust was a "unique Jewish tragedy, it has universal implications."

The same point was made by Shultz. He said the principles of the rescuers are being upheld today by Andrei Sakharov who gave up a high position in the Soviet Union to protest human rights violations; Soviet citizens who are administering the Aleksandr Solzhenitzyn Fund for families of dissidents even though it means jail; the mothers in Argentina who protested the disappearance of their sons and helped bring down the Argentine dictatorship; and South Africans of all races who risk positions and life to "protest and expose the cruelties of apartheid."

While the Nazi genocide was "unique in the annals of human depravity," Shultz said, "in every generation the capacity for evil in the human spirit can be confronted and eventually defeated by justice and by sacrifice."

Whether it is "state-sponsored terrorism, genocide in Cambodia or anti-semitism masquerading as anti-Zionism in the United Nations, the legacy of the rescuers admonishes us all to stand up and fight back," Shultz declared.



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Jewish civilization series previewed

NEW YORK (JTA) — An extraordinary five years in the making, a Public Television series documenting the course of Jewish experience through three millenia of Western civilization was previewed for several hundred persons last week at a celebration in Lincoln Center.

The 9-part series, Heritage: Civilization and the Jews, is hosted and narrated by Abba Eban, former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations. The series will begin airing on the PBS network throughout the U.S. (and available in Canada via PBS stations near the border) next month.

Produced by WNET in New York, the series is also to serve as a centre piece for a national historical study — in colleges, high schools, churches, synagogues and homes — through a large-scale distribution of books, viewers' guides, instructional posters and other materials, including a trade book published earlier this month.

The preview amounted to a series of clips from the nine 60-minuted programs. It preceded a $250 a plate dinner at the Library and Museum for the Performing Arts.

After the preview, Eban was presented with WNET's first Ethan Allen Hitchkock Award for distinction in electronic communication, named after the station's chairman emeritus of the board.

In accepting the award, Eban noted the significant role played by television in the creation of the Jewish state in 1948. He also pointed out the ability of television to captivate and to educate, and in this regard cited his reasons for supporting such a product tracing the civilization of the Jewish people and their culture.

Governor Mario Cuomo, in a brief but emotionally charged address, noted the persistent ability of the Jewish people throughout civilization to fight persecution and indifference. He issued a call for mutual tolerance and urged all people to fight bigotry and anti-semitism.

Funding for the heritage series originated with a $1 million grant from the Charlie Revson Foundation in 1979 and has since been financed by additional funds from that foundation and other public and private organizations and many individuals.

As an indication of the scope and enormous efforts undertaken by the production team, it was pointed out that the Heritage film crew traveled to 19 countries on four continents to record key parts of the story. These locations included New York City's lower east side and Ellis Island, as well as East and West Germany, and Morocco and Egypt.

Rare archival newsreel footage, unearthed historical photographs, ancient and modern artwork and sculptures, religious artifacts, and vintage texts were all used to aid in the presentation of the series.

The series begins in the ancient Near East in Mesopotamia and describes the culture from which the Jews emerged and recalls the prophets and judges whose vision transformed the Israelites from a loose confederation of tribes into a united nation.

The series, after spanning the many years in Jewish history and culture, concludes in modern Israel, examining the Jewish people today and their hope and dreams of the future.

U.S. campaign opens in Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The United Jewish Appeal of the United States launched its annual campaign in Israel recently with a campaign goal of around $700 million. This is the first time the campaign has opened outside of the U.S.

When the 1985 goal is added to the $10.6 billion raised since the UJA was founded in 1939, the total raised by the organization will exceed $11 billion.

Of the money the UJA raises, more than half funds the Jewish Agency and Joint Distribution Committee human needs programs in Israel, among them immigrant absorption, rural settlement, education, social welfare, Youth Aliyah and Project Renewal. The remainder of the money meets Jewish community needs in the U.S.

More than 800 UJA leaders from Jewish communities across North America gathered here for the national campaign opening to share a Shabbat and meet with Israelis from the arts, industry and worlds of business, science and academia.

President Chaim Herzog and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin were among the conference speakers.

Leo Dulzin, Zionist executive chairman, told the leaders that the lives of some 200,000 Israeli youngsters have been turned around by Youth Aliyah. They have been taken off the streets — with all that this means, Dulzin said.

Dulzin said funds from Jewish communities worldwide have upgraded the lives of thousands of Israelis in which the involvement of Diaspora Jewry "has been far greater than merely financial."

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Represents interests of Nazi victims

Yeshiva U official heads Claims Conference

JERUSALEM — Dr. Israel Miller, senior vice-president of Yeshiva University, was elected president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany at the recent biennial meeting of the Claims Conference in Jerusalem.

Miller succeeds Nahum Goldmann, founder and first president of the Claims Conference from its inception in 1951 until his death in 1982. Miller served as acting president of the Conference after Goldmann's death.

The Claims Conference functions as the officially recognized body to represent the interests of all Jewish victims of Nazi persecution throughout the world to the German Federal Republic [West Germany].

Past chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Miller was the founding president and now serves as honorary president of the American Zionist Federation. For three years, he was national chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, and he has held many other leadership positions in Jewish organizations.

Four other communal leaders who are known worldwide were elected to serve as vice-presidents of the Claims Conference.

They are: Greville Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and a Member of Parliament; Akiva Lewinsky, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel; David de Rothschild, vice-chairman of CRIF (The Central Organization of French Jewry); and Jack J. Spitzer, chairman of B'nai B'rith International.

In his address to the meeting, Miller noted that 1984 marks 32 years since the signing of the Luxembourg Agreements between the Claims Conference, the State of Israel, and the German Federal Republic. The agreements constitute the cornerstone of the relationship between the West German government and the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

It was announced that more than 50,000 Jewish victims of Nazi persecution received payments from the Claims Conference Hardship Fund, established in 1980 as a result of an agreement with the West German government to provide 400 million deutschmarks for one-time payments.

The money is paid principally to such Jewish Nazi victims as those who left Eastern Europe after 1964 and were in no position to file timely claims under existing German legislation.

It was reported that 120,000 individual claims were received by the Hardship Fund and 52,000 claims were already paid, involving the disbursement of 260 million deutschmarks.

At the meeting, Akiva Lewinsky, who also serves as chairman of the Claims Conference allocations committee, presented to the board a series of recommendations for grants to homes for the aged and similar organizations to provide shelter for Jewish victims of Nazi persecution throughout the world.

Lewinsky reported that, upon completion of this program, the Claims Conference will have allocated 20 million deutschmarks to institutions in 15 nations caring for substantial numbers of elderly Holocaust survivors. Approximately 60% of the funds were allocated to institutions in Israel.

Dr. Ernst Katzenstein, permanent representative of the Claims Conference in Germany, reported on the progress of the indemnification program arising out of agreements between the Claims Conference and German Federal Republic. Katzenstein said that, through Dec. 31, 1983, the German Federal Republic had paid out more than 66 billion deutschmarks in benefits to Nazi victims.

The Claims Conference negotiates annually for cost-of-living adjustments in annuities paid to Nazi victims under these laws.

Jack Spitzer reported on the Claim Conference's financial operations and referred in particular to its program of assistance to Righteous Gentiles who, at the risk of their own lives, were instrumental in saving Jews during the Nazi Holocaust.

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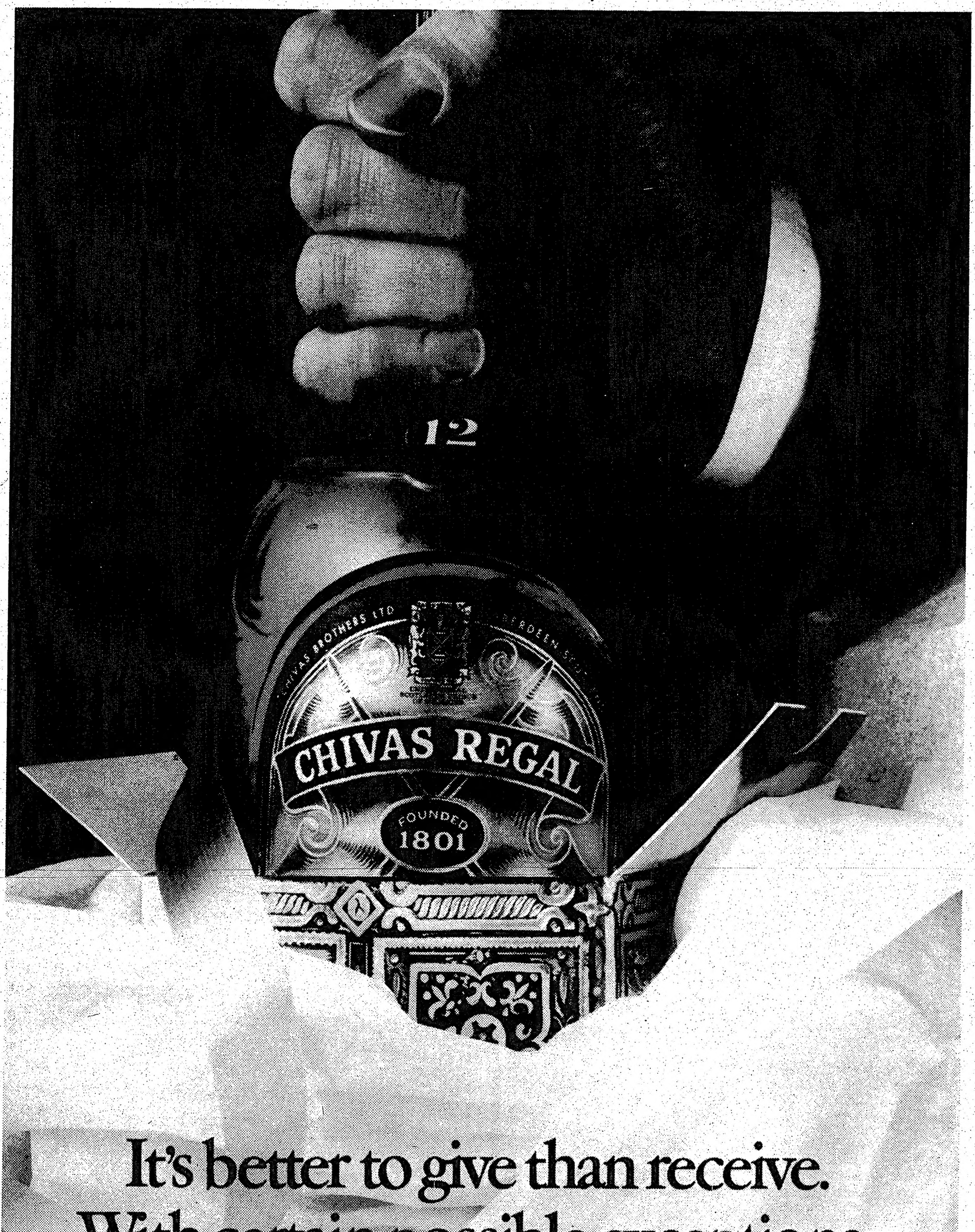

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Centrality of Israel emphasized

Education prime concern of Asian Pacific talks

By
SUSAN BURES

SINGAPORE (JTA) — The vital need to upgrade Jewish educational facilities was the prime concern of leaders from 10 Asian and Pacific Jewish communities meeting here last week.

Representatives of Jewish communities in Australia, New Zealand, India, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, the Philippines, Japan, Taiwan and Korea were attending the Asia Pacific Jewish Association (APJA) conference, the second since its inception in 1980. They represent communities ranging in size from 250 in Thailand to 75,000 in Australia.

The conference program covered community reports, an educational report and recommendations and resolutions for future action.

Special guests included the Israeli ambassador to Singapore, Moshe Ben-Yaacov; Israel's minister for science and development, Yuval Neeman; Tel Aviv University rector, Prof. Yoram Dinstein, and Hebrew University professor, Zwi Werblowsky.

The APJA president, Isi Leibler of Australia, said that the survival of the small communities in the region depended on ensuring that Jewish children received education both in Jewish religious values and in the concept of K'lal Yisrael, the unity of the Jewish people.

All speakers emphasized the centrality of Israel in Jewish education, particularly in the small communities. Dinstein said that whereas in the past the centrality of Israel may have been theoretical, demographically it was now a reality. If the young people of the Asian-Pacific region did not ultimately make aliya, then "none of your descendants will be Jews," he told the delegates.

Neeman likened the Jewish "outposts" in the region to a kind of Hanseatic League with Israel as its centre. Weblowsky said it is often only Israel which serves as a link between the small communities and provides for them a sense of identity.

The gradual erosion of all the communities in the region, with the exception of Australia, was detailed in the various communal reports. The once 4,000-strong Singapore Jewish community, for example, now numbers less than 300 people, its representative, Jeffrey Pinsler, told the conference.

With the exception of Australia, New Zealand, India and Singapore, the other Jewish communities tend to be "transient" or "rotational," with a changing Jewish population resident for economic and other reasons and without close ties to the state of residence. This did not allow for any particular sense of communal pride of identity and made the work of education harder, delegates reported.

Lack of rabbinic guidance in many communities led to a suggestion that a "roving rabbi" might be appointed with qualifications as a mohel and schochet, to serve the small Asian Jewish communities.

Newly appointed APJA education officer, Michael Cohen, who has recently toured the region, reported on educational materials available which the communities could use for both education of children and adults.

Cohen, a teacher at Mount Scopus college in Melbourne, one of the largest Jewish day schools in the world, has prepared a series of educational aids including audio-visual materials which can be adapted for use in the small communities. Youngsters from these communities can also participate in camps and education programs in Australia or Israel, and local Jewish studies teachers can look to Australia for training programs, he said.

UNESCO seen as UN hit man

NEW YORK — **In an editorial on the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, describes UNESCO as "the UN's hit-man — a contract holder stalking Western values, ganging up on Israel."**

Writing in the October issue of the ADL Bulletin, Perlmutter reiterates ADL's long-standing call for the U.S. to withhold funds from UNESCO as he comments on the government's announcement that it will quit UNESCO at the end of this year.

Perlmutter's article said: **"UNESCO has served 'science' by vilifying Israel's archeological digs — no matter that internationally renowned archeologists have testified to the sensitivity of Israeli excavations.**

"UNESCO has voted to exclude Israel from membership in the European regional group — tantamount to expulsion for America's lone reliable ally in the Middle East. Only U.S. purse string pressure (we contribute 25% of the UNESCO budget) got Israel reinstated.

"UNESCO has suppressed an objective report on education and culture in the West Bank territories. The reason? It was favorable to Israel.

"Not content with propagandistically mugging Israel, UNESCO allocated $2 million to help 'national liberation' movements. This includes, of course, the PLO. Purpose? To improve PLO propaganda efforts — or, as the PR phrase had it, to improve 'communications facilities.'

"It all brings to mind the interviewer who asked Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, then newly in office, how her tenure would differ from her predecessor's. She reflected for a moment and allowed that 'We have taken off our kick me sign.'"

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"Girls" denigrates status

Women's group urged to fight discrimination

By
RUTH FRASER

EDMONTON — The Pioneer Women Na'amat of Canada were urged in a stirring feminist speech here to speak out againt discrimination in all forms, whether it's aimed at women in general or Jews.

The message was delivered by Dr. Sally Zerker, economics professor at Toronto's York University, keynote speaker at the organization's 7th triennial convention held recently in Edmonton (CJN, Sept. 20).

Zerker told the 200 delegates of the 4,000-member organization that when adult women are called "girls," it denigrates their status as responsible adults. When women who are concerned with female equality and justice are defined as "libbers," it is an expression of discrimination and a denial of the freedom of women.

She told the men present that she was delighted to see them in attendance, but warned they might be uncomfortable with what she was going to say.

"This is really a talk among women," she said.

Zerker reminded her audience that, in our society, it is men who hold power and no one voluntarily gives up power. Just as men fear the influx of lower-paid immigrant workers, so do they fear an influx of women into the labor force.

Since women are at the low end of the income scale, she said, they will probably settle for less pay, which in most cases would still increase their standard of living.

This is a legitimate fear of men and a reasonable economic argument against the entry of women into the economy, except in the most menial of jobs, she said.

But, she continued, equality of women is not an economic question. It is a moral one based on ethical foundations.

While an economic disadvantage in allowing women to share in power may exist in the short run, she said, the spiritual advantages for men are long term. She quoted 19th-century economist, John Stewart Mill, who advocated female equality as far back as 1869. He said that if a man's female companion for life has the opportunity to develop talents, then men will lead more interesting lives with more interesting companions.

Zerker said that his argument still applies today. "When women are given full dignity and allowed to become whole human beings, then men will be more complete as well . . . and I believe it will have to be women who force the issue. If they continue to plead with men to share power, it will never happen."

Zerker advocated that women use the courts to obtain justice and not let discrimination pass unchecked any longer.

She reminded Pioneer Women that it is Jewish tradition to have a sense of justice, and Jewish women can use this tradition to influence Canadian society for the betterment of all women.

In an interview, Zerker said that she came to feminism on a personal level from early in life. She knew she was disadvantaged by being female but that she would overcome the difficulties imposed by her gender.

She came from an Orthodox Jewish family, and it was her mother who taught her children they could do whatever they wanted to do. "She had great faith in Canada."

Zerker, who is married with three children and one grandchild, said that she has noticed that in her classes, when she speaks on women's economiic issues, young men are still uncomfortable with the question of female equality.

Neither men nor women are self-sufficient in our society, she said, and it is "self sufficiency that gives an individual security — the only kind that is valuable."

Senate hopes to ratify genocide treaty

WASHINGTON (JTA)— The Senate foreign relations committee will approve the United Nations convention against genocide no later than its regular meeting this week, Alan Safran, a committee staff member, said recently.

But there was some question whether the Senate will be able to ratify the treaty before Congress adjourns Oct. 5.

Senator Jesse Helms, who used his prerogative to delay the vote last week, might threaten a filibuster if the convention is brought to the floor.

Elliot Abrams, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs, who urged the committee to approve the convention, said that the Reagan administration would not insist that the treaty be brought to the floor if it faced a filibuster that "might make it impossible to the other important business."

When Senator Charles Percy, the committee's chairman, sought to get a vote, Helms accused him of trying to "railroad" the treaty through without considering two riders that Helms offered.

Percy angrily replied that 35 years of hearings "cannot be called railroading."

Helm, who like many other conservatives, opposes the treaty, said his riders were aimed at preventing the convention from superseding the constitution and to reserve the right of the United States not to submit certain matters covered by the convention to the International Court of Justice.

But Abrams, in his testimony, stressed that after a comprehensive legal review by both the state and justice departments, "We are firm in our conviction that all constitutional questions have been answered."

Abrams stressed that the United States, "one of the chief recipients of the survivors of the Holocaust, has found itself in the embarrassing position in the international forum of having failed to ratify the convention, thereby not expressing formally through an international treaty our staunch opposition to the heinous crime of genocide."

The convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide was signed by President Truman on Dec. 11, 1984. Although approved by 96 other countries, and endorsed by every President since Truman, except for Eisenhower, the Senate has failed to ratify the convention, largely because of conservative opposition.

It was this opposition that was apparently the reason for President Reagan's long silence on the convention. But on the eve of Reagan's address to the B'nai B'rith international convention here two weeks ago, the administration announced for ratificaion. (CJN Sept. 13).

Reagan reiterated the endorsement to B'nai B'rith which, like other American Jewish groups, has long advocated ratification.

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UN vote "a mistake"

Argentina seeks closer ties with American Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) — Argentinian President Raul Alfonsin told a visiting American Jewish Committee delegation that "Argentina will stick by its moral principles and will not ag-again allow our representatives to take knee-jerk anti-Israel positions at the United Nations and elsewhere."

His remark referred to a vote in favor of an Arab-sponsored resolution against Israel last March in Geneva, at a meeting of the UN Commission on Human Rights. He termed the vote "a mistake."

Alfonsin's comments were made during discussions with Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of AJC's international relations department, and Jacobo Kovadloff, director of the agency's Latin American office, who spent a 2-week fact-finding mission in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay last month.

Dr. Vivaldo Barbosa, secretary of justice of the State of Rio de Janeiro, informed the AJC officials that his office had recently banned a PLO publication, entitled Jerusalem, which carried a flagrantly anti-semitic article.

During a meeting with Foreign Minister Dante Caputo, Tanenbaum and Kovadloff discussed the importance of the country's transition from a military dictatorship to a constitutional democracy committed to upholding human rights. Caputo stressed that the moral and practical support of the American people and the American Jewish community was of "profound meaning" to the Argentine government during what he called "this critical period."

Both the president and foreign minister indicated optimism about parliamentary passage of a proposed law banning discrimination based on race, religion or sex, deemed "highly significant" by members of the Jewish community in Argentina.

Senator Adolfo Gass, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, and Dr. L. Publiese, chairman of the Chamber of Deputies of the Argentinian Parliament, concurred that the legislation would likely pass shortly after its introduction.

In Brazil, the AJC representatives were appraised of its government's efforts to monitor the distribution of anti-semitic tracts, such as Mein Kampf, which have been disseminated by the PLO and other groups.

"While being scrupulous about upholding freedom of expression," explained Dr. Arthur Pereira de Castiho Neto, secretary-general of the ministry of justice, "we will not allow anyone to import bigotry into our country from the Middle East conflict." The AJC pair raised the matter of a PLO conference held last March in Sao Paulo that issued violent anti-Israel and anti-Jewish statements, and the secretary-general assured them that his government was trying to curtail such incidents.

The AJC spokesmen also expressed concern to Pereira over the fact that Brazil, which is the fifth largest arms exporter in the world, carries on extensive arms sales with Iraq and Saudi Arabia. "We urge the greatest vigilance," they told Pereira, that these "arms transfers with Arab countries that are sworn enemies of Israel not be allowed to become the instruments of economic blackmail against Israel and of social and political pressures against Brazilian Jewry."

In each of the cities they visited, Tanenbaum and Kovadloff met with American and Israeli ambassadors, as well as with leading Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish leaders.

Agreements were made with the Latin American Conference of Catholic Bishops (CELAM), and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay to co-sponsor with local Jewish communities a series of conferences next year marking the 20th anniversary of the adoption by Vatican Council II of Nostra Aetate, dealing with the promotion of improved Catholic-Jewish relations.

Newspaper rapped for racist cartoon

MELBOURNE(JTA)— In a precedent-setting ruling, the Australian Press Council has upheld a complaint against a leading national weekly newspaper for publishing an anti-semitic cartoon last May.

The complaint was brought by the executive council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) against The National Times after a full page drawing was published, depicting a satanic cloven-hoofed rabbi slicing an infant into pieces against a background of a crescent moon dripping blood.

With the other hand, the figure was dropping a bomb on a mosque.

The caricature accompanied an article by a pro-Palestinian academic Dr.Jeremy Salt, which dealt with what the newspaper described as the "brutal campaign to drive out the West Bank Palestinians."

Although the article was highly critical of the Israeli government, Dr. Salt did not know of the cartoon and subsequently dissociated himself from it in a letter to The National Times where he described the images portrayed as "highly offensive" not only to Jews but to others.

The ECAJ made no complaint to the press council about the article and made a distinction in its submission between vigorous and even harsh criticism of Israel and incitement to racial hatred of Jews.

The ECAJ pursued its complaint to the council, the newspaper industry's editorial watchdog, after Brian Toohey, the editor of The National Times (a left-liberal weekly newspaper published in Sydney) defended the drawing by artist Michael Fitzjames as "legitimate strong comment on Israeli policies."

In upholding the ECAJ complaint the council said the drawing had gone beyond strong disapproval of the Israeli government and used "images which tapped a deep wellspring of racial and religious prejudice, thereby giving deep offence to at least some Jewish people through the revival of memories of past persecution."

In his defence the cartoonist said he did not intend to be anti-Jewish, but was referring specifically to Rabbi Meir Kahane, since elected to the Knesset, who was mentioned in the article.

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U.S. concerned over Israel's economy

Government considering $1 billion budget cut

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responding 9% increase in fuel prices were preliminary moves.

Senior cabinet ministers met with Histadrut leaders and both sides reported the likelihood of a "package deal" of wage and price freezes. Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kessar said he would cooperate if the "load falls equally" on all sectors of the economy.

The government is mapping its own economic austerity plan in addition to seeking wage and price restraint from labor and employers. It resolved at its first cabinet meeting to slash $1 billion from its fiscal budget.

Premier Shimon Peres, Modai, Yaacobi and Deputy Premier Yitzhak Shamir were empowered to discuss spending cuts with each minister individually and to reach agreement on precisely how much is to be trimmed from each ministry's budget.

Half of the $1 billion budget cut is expected to come from reduced or abolished government subsidies for fuel and basic commodities. The rest must be taken from the government's running costs — mainly the ministries of defence, education, welfare and health.

But Education Minister Yitzhak Navon said that the $100 million cut proposed for his ministry's budget — 23% — was "quite unacceptable. We could not even approach that figure," the former President of Israel, now a Labor Party leader, said.

Welfare Minister Moshe Katzav of Likud is also balking on proposed cuts in welfare payments and projects.

Yaacobi, an outspoken critic of Likud economic policies when he was a Labor MK in the opposition, said he has long been following the country's economic progress but only now, as a minister, does he realize how serious the situation is.

Inflation is running at an annual rate of over 400%. A record foreign debt of $23 billion breaks down to $5,000 for every man, woman and child in Israel. Foreign currency reserves have fallen well below the $3 billion danger point, which accounts for Modai's urgent insistence on increased exports.

Israel's economy has been kept afloat by massive infusions of aid from the United States. It will receive $2.5 billion in outright grants in the coming fiscal year, starting Oct. 1.

Peres is expected to seek a substantial increase when he meets with President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz in Washington next month. But it is clear that the Americans are deeply concerned over Israel's economic situation and will insist that the government implement a viable economic program without delay.

UN observers likely to stay

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(United Nations Disengagement Observers Force) comes up for extension on Nov. 30. UNDOF patrols the Golan Heights.

Both mandates are expected to be renewed, no matter how Israel responds to Perez de Cuellar's latest proposal vis-a-vis UNIFIL.

Israel's occupation of Lebanon is believed to have been a primary motive for the terrorist incident in Beirut last week.

In apparent retaliation for a recent U.S. veto of a UN Security Council resolution demanding an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, a group calling itself Islamic Jihad detonated a truck bomb outside the temporary American embassy in East Beirut.

Nine persons, including two Americans, were reportedly killed. Richard Bartholomew, the U.S. ambassador, was among the injured.

The same group claimed responsibility for last year's blast which wrecked the U.S. embassy and for the explosion which snuffed out the lives of 241 Marines and 58 French peacekeeping troops.

Israel offered to treat the injured after last week's blast. The U.S. expressed appreciation, but had not taken up the offer as The Canadian Jewish News went to press.

In 1983, ill feelings were generated in Israel when wounded U.S. servicemen were ferried to European hospitals instead of to Israel.

Under the terms of Israel's strategic cooperation agreement with the U.S., signed this year, American personnel injured in the Middle East will be sent to Israeli hospitals, which are equipped with the most modern facilities.

Profs meet at Hebrew U

TORONTO —

The recent first Israel-Canada conference at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, held under the auspices of the university's Program of Canadian Studies, "was a success beyond the wildest hopes of the organizers," according to one of the main organizers, York University professor David Morley.

In an interview, Morley said, not altogether jokingly, that he tends to judge the success of a conference by the coffee breaks and the amount of discussion which carries over into them. Not only did all the workshop sessions in Jerusalem go overtime, he said, but the coffee breaks were "very noisy and very sociable."

The Program of Canadian Studies is sponsored jointly by Dr. Ralph and Roz Halbert of Toronto, and the government of Canada. This conference, on "Planning in a Period of Turbulence and Uncertainty," brought five Canadian professors together with their Israeli counterparts and with Israelis who work in urban, social and economic planning.

Workshops went on for three days and drew as many people as such an event could accommodate properly without it becoming a lecture series, Morley said. The conference culminated in a day-long trip through the West Bank.

The Canadian professors at the conference were Michael Goldberg, Peter Oberlander and Clyde Weaver of the University of British Columbia, Harvey Lithwick of Carleton University in Ottawa and Morley.

Oberlander was the first professor to spend a year at the Hebrew University teaching in the Program of Canadian Studies and Morley was a visiting professor in the program last year.

Morley and Hebrew University profesor Arie Shachar, chairman of the Program of Canadian Studies, are editing the papers presented at the conference for publication in book form.

Enthusiasm for the conference ran so high among participants that there are already tentative plans for a return conference in related subjects in Canada in 1986. Meanwhile, the topic for the 1985 Canada-Israel conference in Jerusalem has been set: "Ethnicity and Politics."

Dr. Halbert, in outlining the history of the program since its inception in 1978, spoke of its three Canada-Israel joint research projects already underway and of recent donations of Canadian books to the university to aid students of Canadian subjects. He said the program was "very close" to himself and his wife.

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JEWISH CONCERT PRODUCTIONS

A group of altruistic businessmen has developed an innovative concept to bring music and joy to the Toronto Jewish community, and especially to participants in programs for disadvantaged youth. **David Woolf,** the president of a firm that sells custom plastic components, and **Zale Newman,** North York trustee and insurance broker, head the newly-formed Canadian Jewish Concert Productions.

The company will bring an array of world-renowned musicians, singers and performers to Toronto, all of whom specialize in traditional Jewish music. Neither Woolf or Newman will receive any financial compensation for their efforts and the entire profits from the concerts will go to programs that aid less fortunate Jewish children.

The kickoff concert on Sunday, Oct. 14, will feature Israeli singing star **Yoel Sharabi**, who sings in Hebrew as well as seven other languages and plays four instruments. He will be accompanied by his backup band.The concert takes place at 8 p.m. at Northview Heights Collegiate auditorium [corner Bathurst and Finch].

Tickets are $15 and $12.50 for adults, $7.50 for students and are available at Israel's, Ma Tov, Miriam's, Negev and Pardes bookstores. There is a 10% discount on tickets purchased prior to Oct. 1.

BETH SHOLOM TORAH TOT PROGRAM

Beth Sholom Torah Tot program, designed for children 3-5-years of age, is a fun, safe place while parents attend synagogue. It begins Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and will be held every other week in the 3rd floor assembly hall. The program offers organized play, Hebrew songs and games. Babysitting services are available. For information, call the synagogue office at 783-6103.

U OF T YIDDISH CREDIT COURSE

Yiddish for beginners, a credit course at the University of Toronto, runs Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon with instructor **Isaac Shoichet**. Anyone interested should contact the department of Germanic languages, 97 St. George St., phone number 978-3186, or the Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress, 635-2883, ext. 155, or Mr. Shoichet at 494-8413.

NEW HEBREW SCHOOL

Attention all parents of school age children! Congregation Darchei Noam [Reconstructionist synagogue of Toronto] announces the opening of its first Hebrew school on Thursday, Oct. 4. Weekly classes will be held Sunday mornings from 10 to 12 noon. Classes will be led by the congregation's new spiritual leader **Rabbi Barry Blum**. For further information, call **Neil Schloss** at 488-2884.

ECRUSY BETTER THAN EVER

USYers [United Synagogue Youth] from all over Eastern Canada gathered recently for a week of fun in the sun at Camp USY-Kadima held at Camp Ramah in Utterson, Ont. USYers **Mitch Lackie**, from St. Catharines, and **Melissa Safrin** of London put together an exciting program including waterskiing, swimming, canoeing, evening activities and an all day Yom Sport.

Special guests, who included **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** of Beth Tzedec Congregation, **Rabbi Howard Markose** of Adath Israel Synagogue and **Cantor Efraim Sapir** of Beth Tikvah, all participated in leading study sessions on the theme, Jews in the Diaspora.

The next big ECRUSY [Eastern Canadian Region United Synagogue Youth] event is a fall Shabbat enhancement weekend at Camp Reena Oct. 26-29. The cost is $75 per person and includes all meals [strictly kosher], transportation, USY-run services and exciting programming. If you would like to get involved, call **Mark Freedman**, regional youth director, at 789-0579.

SHALOM VILLAGE HAMILTON

Here is a list of some of the special programs planned at Shalom Village in Hamilton during the month of October.

Monday, Oct. 1--A community forum, sponsored by the Weizmann Institute, with a guest speaker from Israel currently on sabbatical at McMaster University at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 2--A special outing, for residents only, to the Shaw Festival to see Roberta, at 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 3--Well-known member of the Hamilton Jewish community **Alice Sorger** will speak on The Prophets at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 9--Co-op special outing with residents of Shalom Village and Jewish Centre Social Services to visit the Toronto Jewish Community Centre at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20--Service and Kiddush lunch at 9.30 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 21--Simcha Sunday to celebrate residents' birthdays with entertainment by **Ruth Slater** at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24--Jewish culture discussion group with **Gloria Silverman** at 1.45 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28--A special wedding--an afternoon full of surprises and fun for all at 2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 29--A speaker from the police department speaking on Crime Prevention and Safety in Your Home at 7.30 p.m.

These programs run in conjunction with the regular activities. For further information, call 528-5377 in Hamilton.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute announces the opening of fall and winter courses in conversational Hebrew for adults and teenagers. Classes for all levels, from beginning to advanced, will be held mornings and evenings at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave.

For more information, phone **Joseph Klinger**, director of Keren Hatarbut, at 787-0197.

DRAMA GROUP

The Beth Tzedec Drama Group returns for its third year with an exciting program for 1984/85. Last year's program culminated with an original production of Joe Purim, which was a smashing success. This year the group is being expanded to include 8-15-year-olds; so come out and be part of this exciting chug.

Rehearsals begin Sunday, Oct. 14, and will be held each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. in the lower hall of the synagogue. The first show this year will be a new Canadian musical play, The Little Jewish Clown, a fun-filled comic story.

Whether you have acted before or not, everyone is welcome. All interested can call 787-0381 or **Shawn Zevit** at 782-1840.

TV SERIES FOR & ABOUT WOMEN

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein of Holy Blossom Temple and **Leslie Miller** of the National Council of Jewish Women are two of the featured guests on a new television series, the YWCA Women's Journal, an 8-part series which began Sept. 11 and will air on Tuesday evenings through to Oct. 30 from 7-7.30 on Cable 10, Rogers Cable TV.

Rabbi Goldstein appears on Oct. 2 as part of a panel on Women and the Clergy, along with **Rev. Cynthia Scott** and **Marta Condolo** of the Canadian Catholics for Women's Ordination.

Leslie Miller is featured in a segment about volunteering. She is interviewed along with **Susan Kilburn**, YWCA president, on Oct. 30.

SOLDIERS CENTRE DEDICATION

Monday, Nov. 5, is the date for the formal dedication of the Soldiers Centre in Kiryat Malachi, the special project of the Toronto branch of the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel. This much needed facility will benefit the thousands of soldiers based in army camps near Kiryat Malachi, as well as those who live in the development town. The centre contains a fully equipped lounge and snack bar, a movie or lecture hall, a library, class room, games room, a shelter, outdoor patio and roof garden.The entrance hall will feature a wall of honor where the names of all Toronto contributors will be listed.

The Toronto branch has organized a tour for members and friends to visit with the soldiers of Zahal and to participate in the dedication of this project. The tour will leave on Oct. 31 and return Nov. 14. For further information, contact the Toronto office of the Soldiers Welfare Association at 783-3053.

The Toronto branch has announced that as its next project it will be sponsoring a similar soldiers centre in Ashkelon.

HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

Beth Tzedec welcomes you to the exciting learning experience of the Hebrew High School! In addition to the traditional standard of excellence in faculty and curriculum, Beth Tzedec presents a new structure and timetable of studies as well as an educational bonus--a high school credit for specific studies in Hebrew language and literature. This will make course offerings for grades 9, 10 and 11 particularly worthwhile.

Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.30-7.20 p.m. Students may register for a part-time program upon consultation with the principal. For details, call the school office at 787-0381. Non-members of Beth Tzedec are welcome.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

The Kosher Cooking School, sponsored by the Orthodox Division, Canadian Jewish Congress, is presenting two courses for the fall.

Series AA Singles Plus for Guys and Gals will run for three Monday evening sessions, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, and Nov. 12. This course is for singles or those cooking for one or two. It will feature quickie dinners, time-saving elegant meals and gourmet entertaining. Recipes will cover soup, eggs, fish, meat, poultry, vegetables, salads and desserts, as well as household tips.The fee for the three sessions is $35.

Series BB Dinners from Around the World will be given in three Tuesday evening sessions, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, and Dec. 11. This course features exciting and exotic international cooking and includes Chinese, French and Italian recipes and table settings. The fee for the three sessions is $50.

These courses will be held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue under the direction of **Esther Schwartz**, kosher cooking consultant. The fee for these series is payable by post-dated checks [date of first class], to the Orthodox Division, Canadian Jewish Congress. All classes have a limited enrolment and are handled on a first come, first serve basis, so make your application as soon as possible. Send separate checks for each series. For further information, call 635-9550.

AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH

A reminder that **Rabbi Moshe Stern** will deliver the annual Shabbat Shuva drasha on Shabbat afternoon, Sept. 29, at 5.30 p.m. Everyone is invited. The synagogue is located at 3600 Bathurst St.

VOLUNTERS NEEDED

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's main goal is finding a cure for diabetes. Volunteers with good telephone skills are needed to take phone orders, others to hand-write or type information or assist with the mailing for the the major fundraising event, the Rolls Royce draw.

You may volunteer a few hours weekly [or more] during the day or evening, through to Nov. 29. For information, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

CHILDREN:THE CHALLENGE

Children:The Challenge study groups for parents begin the week on Oct. 1, in North York. The fee is $50 per person or $75 per couple for 8-10 sessions. For information or to register, call or write Coordinator, Family Life Skills, Alfred Adler Institute of Ontario, 1111 Finch Ave. W., suite 407, Downsview, M3J 2E5, phone 665-1604.

JEWISH MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

The next Jewish Marriage Enrichment Weekend begins Saturday, Nov. 10, after Shabbat, and ends Monday evening, Nov. 12. The meals are strictly kosher. For more information, call **Larry and Ruth Spodek** at 223-9038 or **Marshal and Helen Ross** at 663-9124.

Jewish Marriage Enrichment is for couples who want to grow in their marriage. It is not a problem-solving session, nor is it sensitivity training. It is designed for couples who are committed to their marriage and seek to enhance their relationship.

MOTHERS MORNING OUT

A reminder from **Eleanor Miller**, coordinator of Beth Sholom Synagogue's family life department--The Wednesday Mothers Morning Out program begins Oct. 24, from 10-11.30 a.m. The group will be discussing such issues as The Myth of the Perfect Mother, Time for Me, Setting New Goals, and Jewish Parenting in the 80s. To register, call the synagogue office at 783-6103. Babysitting is available.

TRAVEL NEWS

Corson Travel is holding its 6th annual seminar on bar/bat mitzvahs in Israel on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. at the Inn on the Park. RSVP by calling **Avi Rodak** at 482-2440.

On Thursday, Oct. 4, Corson Travel is having a Spa Night. It takes place at 6 p.m. at Elaine's Grill, 488 Eglinton Ave. W., Upstairs. Representatives from seven different spas in Florida, California, Arizona and Bermuda will be on hand. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Admission is $2. RSVP by calling Corson Travel at 482-2440.

U OF T ENGINEERING SCHOOL

The faculty of applied science and engineering at the University of Toronto will demonstrate some of the ingenious things that are done on a daily basis on Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. when all buildings and departments of the school of engineering will be open to the general public. The displays will include a hydrogen powered engine; demonstrations on how display design affects the speed of decision making; of how a computer can diagnose skin disease; wind tunnels used to study yacht keels; one of the world's most advanced structural testing laboratories, and much more.

JEWISH HERITAGE TV SERIES

A 9-part TV series entitled Heritage:Civilization and the Jews will be broadcast on cable Channel 17 [from Buffalo]. It is a collection of visual resources presenting the total panorama of Jewish history, edited and narrated by **Abba Eban**, former Israeli foreign minister and ambassador to the UN. Series begins Monday, Oct. 1, at 9 p.m. with A People is Born with a repeat on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m. Part 2, Power of the Word, airs Oct. 2, at 9 p.m., with a replay on Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. The rest of the series runs on seven consecutive Mondays at 9 p.m., beginning with Oct. 8. Some topics will be The Shaping of Traditions, The Roads from the Ghetto, The Golden Land, Out of the Ashes, and Into the Future.

Study packets for adult and teen groups and classes are available at the office of the educational consultant of Canadian Jewish Congress, **Melvin Sachs**, at 635-2883.

NCJW NEW BRANCH 45 PLUS

A new National Council of Jewish Women branch [approximate age 45-59] will meet again on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. If your interests include women's issues, book reviews and various contemporary themes, this group could be the right one for you.

Toronto Section is very excited about having this branch well on its way and becoming part of the organization. Come out and join the group on Oct. 3. For information, call Council House at 633-5100.

VOLUNTEER EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Jewish Family & Child Service is holding the first in a series of monthly educational workshops on Monday, Oct. 1, at 8 p.m. at the JF & CS

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COUPLE HONORED

At a cocktail reception at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue preceding the Oct. 9 State of Israel Bonds dinner honoring Harry and Roslyn Turk, 3rd and 4th from left, guest speaker Howard Stone, 2nd from left, writer and consultant to Jewish organizations, discussed community fund raising and the relationship to events in the Middle East. With them, from left, are Irving Horowitz, Beth Emeth Israel Bonds chairman, Rabbi Joseph Kelman and Sydney Himel, president.

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offices, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor. Topic will be Unemployment in the 80s and the Family. Speaker will be **Shifra Nussbaum**, intake supervisor, JF & CS. Members of the community are welcome to attend. Everyone is asked to RSVP by calling 638-7800, ext. 288.

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Beth Sholom Singles [40-65] meet Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. in the children's nursery. **Eleanor Miller**, coordinator of Family Life programs, will lead a discussion on Friendship—Make New Friends But Keep the Old — One is Silver, One is Gold. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. For information, call the synagogue office at 783-6103.

JCC Singles 40-59 continues its weekly Coffee House on Monday, Oct. 1, with a program titled Where Have All the Males Gone? It meets at the Jewish Community Centre northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St., at 8 p.m. For further information, call the JCC at 636-1880, ext. 332, or **Doris** at 636-1687.

40 Plus Singles Holy Blossom Temple will be meeting on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. in the Philip Smith Congregational Hall foyer. Guest speaker **Leah Fren** will discuss Sex and the Mature Single in this Changing Morality. Charge is $2 for members and $4 for non-members. Refreshments will be served.

Join **Club Kinneret**, ages 20-40, for an open house on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m. at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd., [Dufferin and Lawrence area]. Meet bowling league members [two divisions, one for ages 20-29 and one for 30-40] and find out more about socials, bowling league [limited registration] and trips of this new group. Meeting will be followed by two games of 10-pin bowling at 4 p.m. For further information, call **Stan Glass** at 593-0600 days or 638-0747 evenings or **Aaron** at 221-5855.

Jewish Singles Project Connect invites singles and single families to join in a High Holiday Drop-In, complete with fun, entertainment, refreshments and Kids Corner, on Sunday, Sept. 30, from 2-4 p.m. at JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Charge is $2 for adults and $1 for children. For information, call 731-4600 mornings.

Widowed-Connect, a self support group for recently widowed Jewish men and women under 55, provides emotional support and sharing during the difficult grieving process. It will meet for six consecutive Monday evenings from Oct. 15-Nov. 19 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Fee is $15 non-refundable. For information, call 731-4600 mornings.

Getting On With Your Life, a social life skills networking group for separated, divorced and widowed Jewish men and women [men wanted as participants], will be meeting with facilitator **Sally Kerbel** for five Tuesday sessions Oct. 30-Nov. 27 from 8-10 p.m. at the JCC northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Fee is $15 non-refundable.

North-East Jewish Single Parents Group invites you to a small group discussion on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The topic will be All the World's a Stage, a discussion of the growth stages most people pass through after family breakup. Admission is $2 for members and $3 for non-members. For information and details call **Susan Levine** at 889-0813.

Solelim [20-35] has arranged horseback riding for Sunday, Sept. 30. Meet at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., at 11 a.m. If raining, meet at 1 p.m. for roller skating. For information, call **Jeffrey** at 783-3019 evenings or **Susan** at 638-0920 daytime and evenings.

for seniors

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Please note the deadline changes due to the holidays.

For the Oct. 11 issue, the deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 2, at noon. I will be at my desk Monday, Oct. 1, all day, and Tuesday, the 2nd, to noon, to receive your calls.

The deadline for the Oct. 18 issue is Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 5 p.m. I will be here all that day.

Club Chaverim, the North-East Jewish Community Centre group, meets on Mondays at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The prepared lunches start on Oct. 1, at 12.30 p.m. for the price of $1.25, followed by the program at 1.30. Guest speaker **Chovna** of Colours will demonstrate how to choose colors to suit you. For further information, call 889-0813.

On Tuesday, Oct. 2, **Cranbrooke Friendship Club**, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., meets for lunch at 1 p.m. with guest speaker **Fanny Brown**, executive and board member of the Association of Jewish Seniors. Everyone is welcome. Charge is $1.25 for members and $1.75 for non-members. For further information, call **Eva Brownstone** at 787-3606.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is going to see the musical Roberta at the Shaw Festival on Tuesday, Oct. 2. The cost of $18.50 includes transportation and theatre ticket. See **Ruth Ecknovitz** at the synagogue for reservations.

At the **Workmen's Circle Social Club 60 Plus** next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 9, lunch will be free for paid-up members. On Tuesday, Oct. 2, **Shirley Grotell** and **Sophie Edelist** will be at the hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to sign up anyone interested in the Miami trip. For information, call Mrs. Grotell at 222-7727.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni has arranged an autumn garden tour to Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village in Whitby for Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Earl Bales Seniors Place in Earl Bales Park [Bathurst and Sheppard] will be closed Thursdays Sept. 27, Oct. 11 and Oct. 18, due to the holidays.

Join **Club Malka** [age 40 plus] for a long, enjoyable getaway to New York City Nov. 29-Dec. 2 with Broadway play, sightseeing, shopping and much more. Also inquire about the Florida trip. For information and reservations, call **Helen** after 6 p.m. at 635-6343.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

At the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. **Jennie Eisenstein**, vocalist and performer of Yiddish and Hebrew songs, will perform, accompanied by pianist **Faygel Gartner**.

FINISHING TOUCH

Toronto couturier Winston puts the finishing touches on one of the outfits he will be showing on behalf of the Neonatology Intensive Care Unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Center on Tuesday evening, Oct. 9 at the Inn on the Park. Looking on from left are Shirley Zener, executive member, Shaare Zedek Women; Marlene Altbaum, immediate past president; Johanna Zagdanski, president, and Frances Goodman, program book chairman. For information, call 781-3584. [Graphic Artists photo]

The Wednesday afternoon social on Oct. 3 presents well-known vocalist **Rose Lovacs** and concert pianist **Lola Julitta Kane**. The time is 1.30. Refreshments will be served. Price is 75¢ for members and $1 for non-members.

The Creative Choir is now under the direction of **Amy Gilbert**. This group performs in the community and is available for bookings. Call the centre at 225-2112.

at the jcc

The Leah Posluns Theatre School, Koffler Centre of the Arts of the Jewish Community Centre, is scheduling upcoming auditions for the musical theatre production course with **Joel Greenberg**, director and choreographer of over 60 productions in Toronto and 2-time award-winner. Call **Rose Dubin** at 636-1880, ext. 230, for October auditions.

Auditions are also being held for the teen advanced acting class taught by **Lewis Baumander**, director of the Skylight Theatre. Call Rose Dubin at above number.

There is still space in the script writing and backstage workshop courses. If you are interested, call Rose Dubin for information.

The PACE [Public Affairs and Continuing Education] department is now taking registration for the fall courses. Call **Georgine Nash** at 636-1880 for information and a fall brochure.

"I holler and scream a lot"

Argos dentist a devoted fan

By
ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

What could be better for a dentist and a fan of the Toronto Argos since 1945, than to become the team dentist? From 1969 to the present, that is the position Leo Matthew Sussman has been holding.

After graduating from the University of Toronto's faculty of dentistry in 1943, followed by a stint in the Canadian army as a dentist, Sussman opened a practice in Toronto in 1946.

His continuing love of the sport of football brought him in contact with the Rifles of the now defunct Continental League. He was the team dentist and got to know the coach, Leo Cahill.

When Cahill moved to the Argos, he asked Sussman to be the Argos' team dentist.

"This has never been a big part of my income. I've always been a sports fan. I do it because I like the sports scene," Sussman says.

"Also, dentistry is a very confining profession. I'm always interested in things to take me outside the four walls of the office. That's also why I've volunteered my services for 30 years on the dental staff of Mount Sinai Hospital," he added.

During all Argo home games, Sussman is out of the office — sitting with Ralph Sazio, the team's general manager and Rod McInness, president of Carling O'Keefe.

They sit in one of the press boxes, protected from the elements, being served food and drinks, and enjoying an excellent view of the game.

"We're fans. We holler and scream a lot. We're very much involved," said Sussman.

Before the end of each home game, unless he's been called down earlier, Sussman leaves the box and walks across the field "to miss the crowd," and waits for the team in the locker room.

He notes that there are still some injuries because "football is a violent sport . . . but the trauma factor is not present as it used to be.

"Now they use mouth guards and face guards. Before, there were broken jaws and a lot of broken teeth."

All of this is right up his alley since, as Sussman — who has been on many committees of the Ontario Dental Association, pointed out — he has always been interested in restorative dentistry.

He does not attend out-of-town games because the team usually returns the night of a game and he can deal with any problems in Toronto.

However, every summer he takes two dentists with him to Guelph University, where the team practices, to determine what shape the teeth are in of all the players.

Leo Sussman

Over the years he has looked after a lot of the Argo office staff and coaching staff, as well. Since most players are from out of town, he eventually has many of their wives as patients.

In addition, former Argos, like Dick Shatto, who now lives and works near Tampa, Fla., still see Sussman professionally when they come to Toronto.

Some, like "Tricky" Dick Thornton went beyond the patient-dentist relationship and became friends with him.

Sussman, father of one son, Stephen, recalled how the defensive back for the Argos from 1967-1972, used to visit Sussman's late wife Lorraine, before she died in 1975, Thorton, who now works for Coca Cola in Australia, wrote poetry for her while she was ill.

Reminiscing further, Sussman talked warmly about his friendship with Lew Hayman.

"He came here in the 1930s. He was an insular, quiet, lonely, man. I hit it off with him and we became good friends and remained so right up to his recent death. He was one of the leading lights in the Canadian Football League."

Sussman, a member of Holy Blossom Temple and a graduate of Harbord Collegiate, during "its heyday" when Frank Shuster, Johnny Wayne, lawyer Eddie Goodman and camp owner Bert Fine were there, noted how the players have changed over the years.

"Before, the salary level was not high enough and the players had other careers as well. They viewed football almost as a hobby. Today, they are full-time athletes and completely involved in the game.

"Also, the game is better now. The whole quality of play is better," he said.

Sussman, who has been with the Argos through three ownerships — John Bassett, Bill Hodgson and, now, Carling Breweries — has not played football since he was a student.

Nevertheless, if he were to play pro ball, there is only one position that would interest him — quarterback. "You've got to be the boss," he said with a grin.

Organizations and People

Toronto landing a possibility

El Al rebounds to gain an enviable reputation

By
BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV — Negotiations with Canadian aviation authorities as well as Air Canada and Canadian Pacific will soon conclude, with El Al receiving possible approval to operate to and from Toronto.

That hopeful prediction was made here in a recent interview by Rafi Harlev, pilot and deputy head of the Israel Air Force, who is president of Israel's national airline.

Less than two years ago, El Al was given little or no chance of survival after scores of strikes and labor conflicts brought the national airline to the brink of disaster.

Today, under the guidance of Harlev, El Al is a changed airline. It functions quietly and efficiently, and has earned an envied reputation as one of the best "on-time" airlines in the world with 96% arrivals and departures according to schedule.

Now, the decision to reorganize El Al, to cut out the warring eight works committees and whittle down the number of permanent employees to a mere 3,700 (from over 5,000) is beginning to show dividends.

In the fiscal 1983/4 (March 31), El Al made an operational profit of $1.6 million — the first in six years.

The overall deficit however, was $14.3 million — mainly due to finance charges on past losses and because of the heavy deficit accruing from not flying on Shabbat and holy days.

El Al, however, is still not out of the red and, like most other airlines, can never expect to wipe out the accrued deficit of $340 million — half owing to the government and most of the other half owing to banks and covering the re-equipping of the airline.

The national airline today owns 20 4-engine Boeing jets, including eight 747s of various types, such as freighters and Combi aircraft, as well as three of the latest Boeing 767s and 737s and aging 707s.

Harlev was reticent to speak of "plans for the future," because, until april, 1985, El Al remains under the jurisdiction of a temporary receiver.

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Mother Nature's marvel

This big Mac's just as good

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — Some gourmands rave about the Northern Spy.

Others go into raptures over the Red Delicious.

Still others sing a paean to the Spartan.

But to my expert palate the juiciest, most aromatic, most splendiferous apple in the world is Ontario's own McIntosh.

And right now is the best time to buy one of these tart, tangy, totally satisfying marvels of Mother Nature, with its irregular, round shape and characteristic green splash on one side.

It's a delicacy that mates harmoniously with rozhinkes mit mandlen and deserves to grace your Rosh Hashanah table. It's great with honey!)

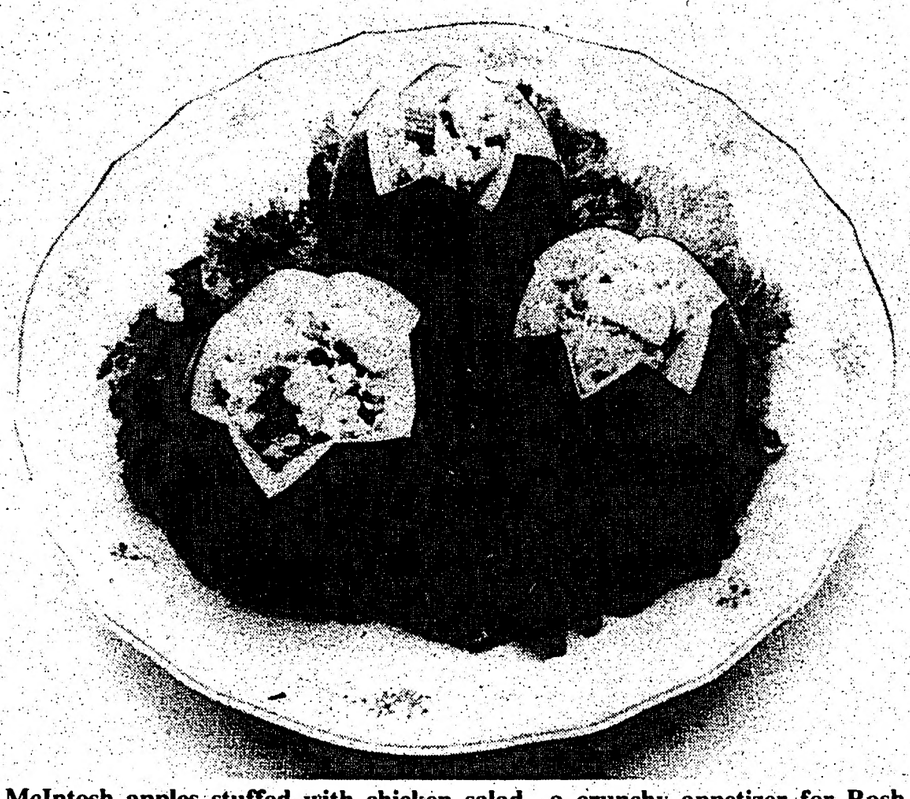
There's no getting around the historic fact that it was discovered by a Scotsman, a farmer named John McIntosh, who grew the first McIntosh apple tree on his homestead in Dundas County, Ont., in 1811.

But his creation has so much tam and tastes so geshmak that I like to think he had a little Jewish in his ancestral blood. McCohn perhaps?

In any case, the Ontario ministry of agriculture and food pointed out in a press release last week that the McIntosh is excellent for baking when you want to cut back on the amount of sugar in a recipe.

The softer pulp of the McIntosh also requires a shorter cooking time than most other apples.

Whether baked, sauted, diced, or stuffed with a chicken and mayonnaise salad mix, it makes a crunchy appetizer and is absolutely mechaya for yom tov.



McIntosh apples stuffed with chicken salad...a crunchy appetizer for Rosh Hashanah.

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Shul names board

TORONTO —

Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation has appointed a new executive and board of directors to serve until 1986.

The new executive includes Max Benaim, president; Isaac Bendelac, vice-president; Miguel Salama, immediate past-president; Eli Benatar, treasurer; Joe Elmaleh, secretary; Moses Oziel, parnass; Abraham Oziel, assistant parnass; Frank Levy, shaliah.

The new board of governors consists of Amram Benarroch, Isaac Benatar, Albert Bendahan, Isaac Melul and Isaac Pinto.

Raquel Benhaim is president of the Sisterhood, Meir Benmergui is president of the Brotherhood and Edith Oziel is presient of the PTYO.

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Middle East Periodical Guide

Your directory to recent articles about Israel and the Middle East.

Current Articles

"The Attack On The Liberty", Hirsh Goodman and Zeev Schiff, *The Atlantic Monthly*, September 1984.

Israel's attack on an American ship during the Arab—Israeli War of 1967 has been the subject of controversy ever since.

In this compelling article, Hirsh Goodman, Defense Correspondent of *The Jerusalem Post*, and Zeev Schiff, the Defense and Military-Affairs Editor of *Ha'aretz*, illuminate the steps leading to this tragic event.

Through new information retrieved over the past ten years from previously unpublished material obtained from Israeli naval and air-force archives as well as from transcripts of two still-classified internal Israel Defense Forces investigations into the affair the authors hope to lay to rest the myriad of specualtions surrounding this unfortunate incident.

"Beirut & The Great Media Cover-Up", Ze'ev Chafets, *Commentary*, September 1984.

In this eye-opening article, Ze'ev Chafets, former Director of the Israel Government Press Office from 1977 to 1982, recounts how during the Lebanese Civil War (1975—1982) Western journalists became accomplices to their own isolation and supervision by Palestinian guerrillas and Syrian army forces.

A "must" for anyone interested in how so-called objective members of the media concerned with physical and professional self-preservation could be controlled and manipulated.

"In Praise of Bar-Kokhba", Israel Eldad, *The Jerusalem Quarterly*, Number Thirty Two, Summer 1984.

Israeli intellectual Yehoshafat Harkabi is one of several revisionist writers who have criticized the Bar Kokhba Revolt (132—135 C.E.) for its shortsightedness and futility from the outset.

In this essay, Israel Eldad, a prominent leader of the pre-State Stern group and a gifted editor and writer, presents a philosophical and factual refutation of this "new" interpretation of an historical event which has been a motivating force for Jewish freedom-fighters throughout the ages.

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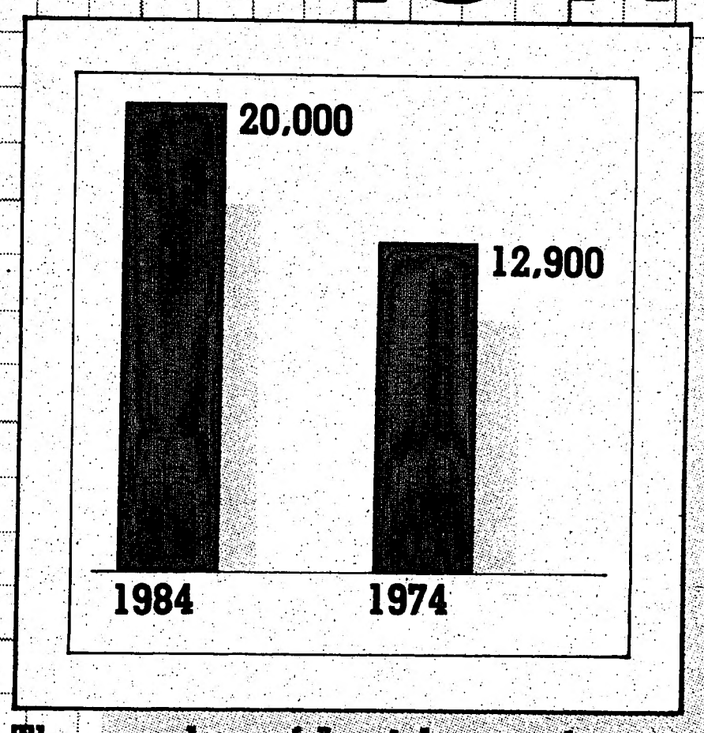
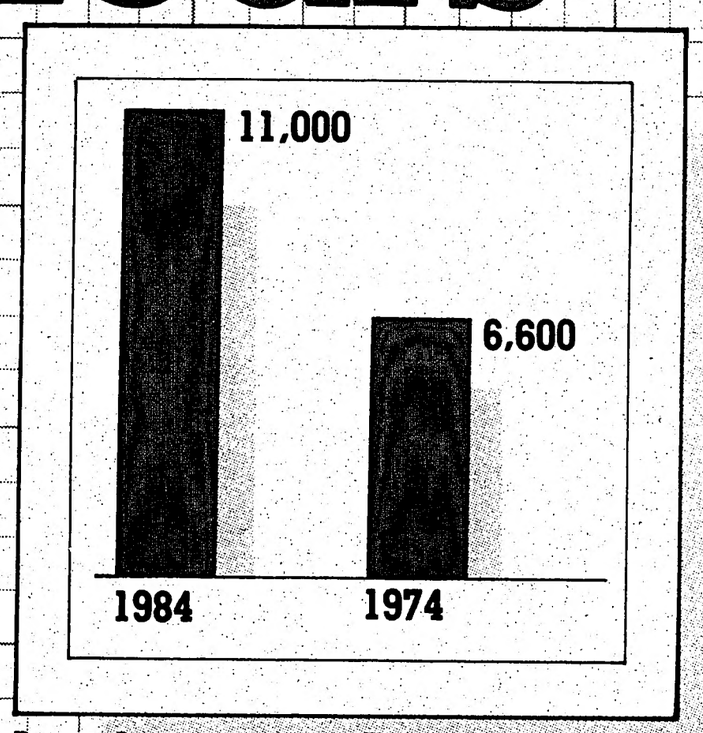
Not all New Years are Happy New Years



The number of Jewish poor in Toronto, living below the poverty line.



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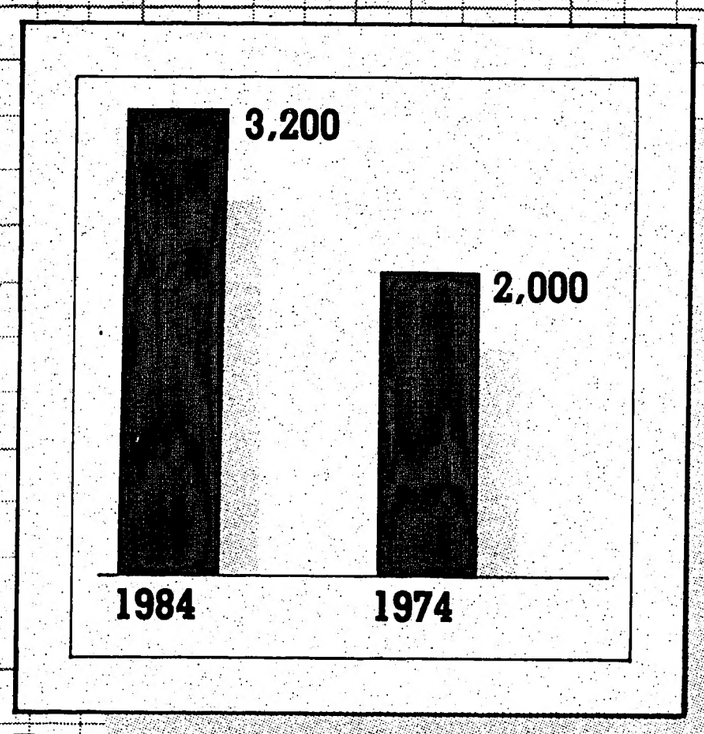
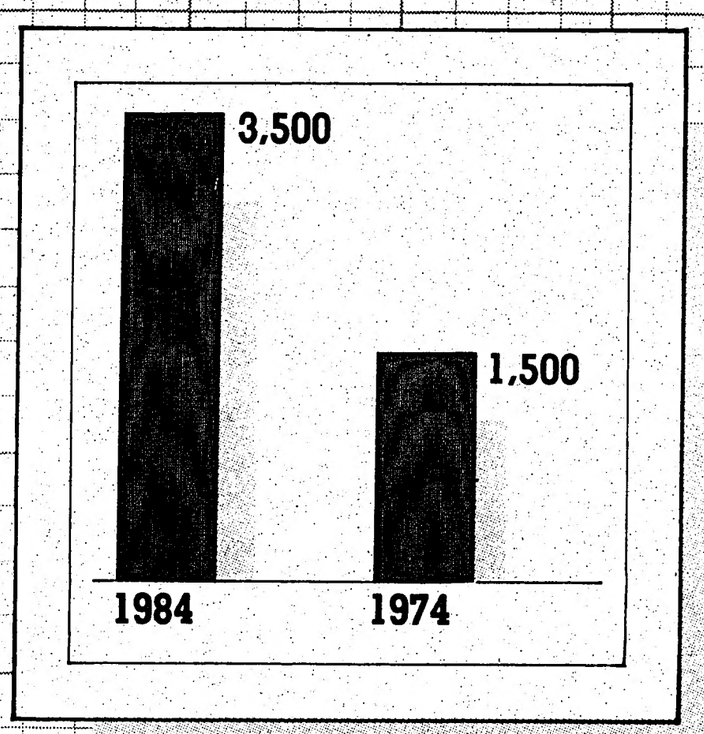


The number of Jewish single-parent households in Toronto.



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Organizations and People

Described as a real success story

Seniors' centre celebrates its 10th anniversary

By
SOL CHROM

TORONTO —
The North York Seniors' Centre celebrated its 10th anniversary last week, with more than 80 people, including North York Mayor Mel Lastman, in attendance.

The centre, located on Empress Ave., offers a wide variety of activities and services for the older members of the community. It provides information about government programs such as health care, legal aid and consumer protection, as well as offering recreation and education programs. In addition, the centre has run group travel packages to China, Greece and Japan.

Mayor Lastman presented a scroll commemorating the occasion and described the centre as "a real success story . . . you're helping a lot of people, and you're helping yourself."

Lastman reviewed the history of the Seniors' Centre and its attempts to raise funds in the community. Recalling the times that the municipal government was approached for help, he joked that at one point "we wrote you off as a bad debt and ended your taxes forever — and then you bought some furniture."

Lastman praised the plans for the centre to move to a new location near Yonge and Finch. The new facility will have 16,000 square feet, more than three times the floor space of the present building, as well as a pool and new furniture. (Architect Robert Grossman said the centre would sit next to a 2-acre residential park which will also serve two office and retail towers).

"That will give it a nice homey feel," Lastman said, adding that the city would contribute $115,000 towards the cost.

Fund raising committee chairperson Fiona Gunn said that the centre has raised approximately $47,000 thus far from walkathons, garage sales and raffles. Additional activities are expected to generate another $50,000.

"This is a very important part of our fund raising," she said. "We can't go out into the community looking for money unless our members can show that they're working hard to raise it."

Gunn said that the total cost of the move to the new location would be in the neighborhood of $750,000, and that the centre was planning to approach both private and corporate donors for the balance of the funding. The centre, she said, was anticipating doubling its membership, which is now limited to 1,000.

Gunn stressed that the pool is not an extravagance, but a necessary therapeutic facility for the recreational and fitness program. She said the pool would be especially helpful for physically disabled people who would not be able to participate otherwise.

In an interview, she said that the pool would be shallower and warmer than a normal pool, and have a special elevating device for lifting people in and out. "A lot of people can't do exercises on dry land because of the weight problem. . . . The idea is to keep people fit and active."

She added that the pool would be a community resource, because other physically disabled people would be able to use it.

Also in attendance were several members of North York city council. Alderman Ron Summers was singled out for praise for his efforts on behalf of the centre. Provincial cabinet ministers Frank Drea and Bette Stephenson were not there in person, but sent messages of congratulations.

Assembly set for Federations

TORONTO —
Registration forms are now available from Toronto Jewish Congress for the 53rd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, Nov. 14-18.

The Sheraton Centre and Royal York Hotels, in Toronto, will be headquarters for the gathering of some 2,500 Jewish community leaders from cities across the United States and Canada and their overseas guests.

Speakers scheduled include many of the foremost scholars, political and spiritual leaders impacting on contemporary North American Jewish life. Among them are Dr. Joseph Yerushalmi of Columbia University; Dr. Gerson Cohen, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Henry Kissinger; Mendel Kaplan, world chairman of Keren Hayesod; Rabbi Gunther Plaut, president, Central Conference of American Rabbis; Leon Dulzin, chairman, Jewish Agency executive.

Major issues confronting federations in the coming year will be explored in depth at nine General Assembly forums: Ethiopian Jewry and Syrian Jewry; Peace in the Middle East After the U.S. and Israeli Elections; Jewish Education and Culture; Sephardic Jewry; The Arab World; Soviet Jewry; Long-Range Planning; Latin American Jewry; Black-Jewish Relations.

A key theme of the GA — The Community Leader as a Learning Person — will be defined at the Thursday morning plenary and expanded in a series of 10 concurrent workshops.

In addition to plenaries and forums, many workshops are planned to explore every major item on the agenda of North American Jewish federations.

Shoshana Cardin of Baltimore is chairman of the CJF General Assembly program committee.

Mira Koschitzky is chairman and Gela Rothstein and Judy Scheininger are associate chairmen of the Toronto Jewish Congress hospitality committee of the conference. They are coordinating plans for a series of events that will include a bus tour of Toronto, an exhibit of Judaica by Canadians and two receptions.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the association of 200 federations, welfare funds and community councils, which serve nearly 800 communities embracing a Jewish population of more than 5.7 million in the U.S. and Canada.

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9-10 P.M. KOHELET: THE GENTLE CYNIC
Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg. A study of the fascinating Book of Ecclesiastes. We continue to be fascinated by the man, his thoughts and outlooks.

TUESDAYS
MORNINGS AT 10 A.M.
A choice of two courses

1. **JEWISH ETHICAL LITERATURE**
Rabbi Lawrence Troster
An examination of readings from Jewish Ethical texts.
2. **CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW**
Mr. Jacob Israeli
Elementary conversational Hebrew. If demands warrants we will also have an advance course.

EVENINGS AT 8 P.M.
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1. **ISRAEL THROUGH THE PRISM OF DEBATE** - *Prof. Arnold Ages*
This course will focus on Jewish and Israeli contributors to the flood of commentary, history and interpretation of the Middle East over the last five years. Authors included: Amos Oz, Amnon Rubinstein, Abba Eban, Daniel Gavron, Naom Chomsky, Harold Fish, Shlomo Avineri.
2. **THE JEWISH LIFE CYCLE**
Cantor Paul Kowarsky
Birth, circumcision, adoption, conversion, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, marriage, divorce, death and mourning.
3. **LEARN TO READ THE SIDDUR**
Cantor Joseph Cooper
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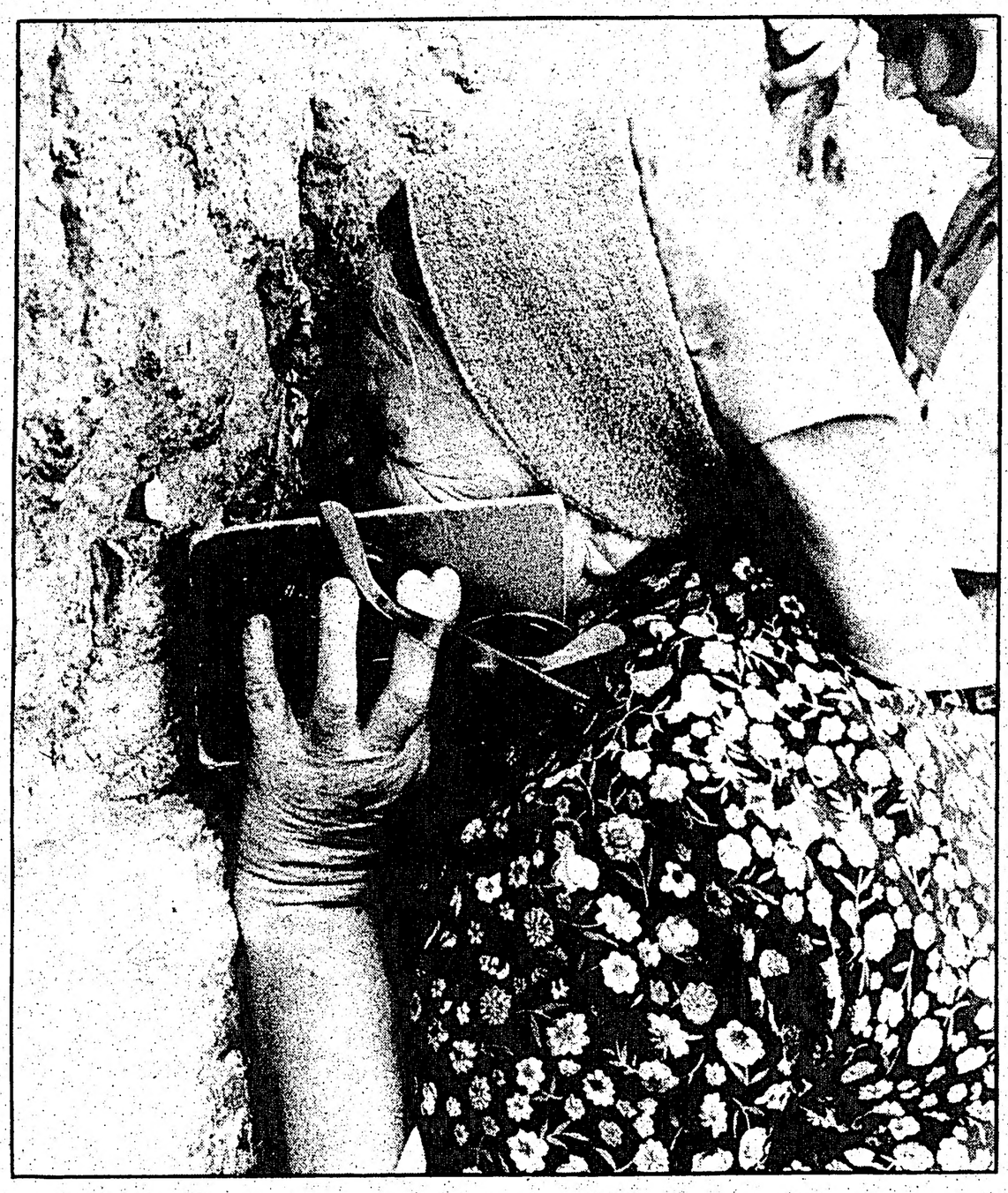

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Organizations and People

Kayfetz keeps going

Former CJC director keeps active in community

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Though Ben Kayfetz has officially retired as executive director of the National Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, his face and his name will not be missing from the Jewish scene in Canada.

The 67-year-old Torontonian is writing a history of the Jewish community for a sesquicentennial project sponsored by Histadrut.

He will continue writing his regular column, Canadian Comment, for the Jewish Standard under the nom de plume, Gershon B. Newman.

He is continuing his weekly 5-minute commentary on CHIN-AM every Sunday on the Jewish hour.

He is also continuing his work as the Canadian correspondent of the Jewish Chronicle of London, and as a contributor to Congress Weekly, an American Jewish Congress publication.

He is still working halftime as a consultant to his successor, Manuel Prutschi, former director of Community Relations for the Manitoba Region of CJC. Even when this stint ends in December, there is a possibility he will continue in some capacity in that office.

Hundreds of Ben Kayfetz' friends and colleagues will honor him at a dinner at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue Wed. Oct. 3. The invitation to this event, which describes Kayfetz as a "community treasure," says the special evening of tribute is "in recognition of the enormous contribution he has made to Jewish life during his 37 years of dedicated service to this community."

The dinner is under the chairmanship of David Satok; Lou Ronson and Rose Wolfe are co-chairmen. Further information is available from the CJC office in Toronto, 635-2883.

His friends have established a scholarship fund in his name at the University of Toronto for studies in modern Jewish history, 18th century to the present, and contributions, which are tax-deductible, are welcome.

Kayfetz is sorting through a mountain of files to separate what is official and what is personal. "Both types of letters and memoranda are very much part of me," he told The CJN.

One of the recent letters he treasures is from John Laskin, son of the late Bora Laskin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. "Father often talked about you with affection," John wrote.

Ben is without doubt the dean of the Jewish civil service in Toronto and his life and his career mirror those of other Jewish youths who were attending high schools and universities in the 1930s, and who struggled through the Depression to make a living.

One of his earliest recollections is of sitting on the doorstep of his father's drygoods store at Baldwin and Spadina and watching people stream by from two churches in the area. Both of these churches, incidentally, became synagogues in later years, one of them the Londoner shul on Spadina Ave.

Later his family moved to 893 Dundas St. W. between Bellwoods and Claremont where his father had a grocery store and later a bake shop. The family lived above the store.

Ben attended Parkdale Collegiate and University of Toronto.

After school, he sold newspapers in the Sunnyside area where his brother, Dave, had all the best corners.

He couldn't find a full-time teaching job after graduation but did get work from time to time as a supply teacher. During 1941-42, Julius Hayman hired him to work on the Jewish Standard where he sold advertising, wrote articles and edited articles for the twice-monthly publication.

Despite this early experience, and all the writing he has done since, Ben does not consider himself a "legitimate" member of the media. "I enjoy writing as a hobby," he said. "Whatever writing or broadcasting I did I always considered to supplement and complement my work for the Congress."

Despite this protestation, he is a good journalist. He wrote a memorable feature article for The Globe and Mail on the sources of the names of Toronto synagogues in the 1950s when many were just on the verge of moving north. "I didn't have to do a stitch of research for that story. I passed all those shuls every day on my way from home to the university and back again. I knew their history."

There were few, if any, important events in the Jewish community that Ben was not connected with in the years since 1947 when he joined Congress as public relations director, succeeding his old friend, Ben Lappin.

He was the man working unobtrusively in the background to arrange deputations to government at municipal, provincial and federal levels, helping to write the briefs which were presented at those times, and acting as a troubleshooter when anti-semitic events required some response from the Jewish community.

Besides Ben Kayfetz the civil servant and journalist, there is Ben Kayfetz the Yiddishist, who serves with David Greenspan as co-chairman of a Yiddish-speaking monthly luncheon in Toronto which attracts 30 regulars, including one participant from London, England, who originally walked into the luncheon in a downtown hotel out of curiosity when he heard Yiddish being spoken.

Ben Kayfetz

He gives about a dozen speeches a year to Yiddish-speaking groups in Toronto.

He is just taking office as president of the Jewish Historical Society of Toronto. As a contributor to the Journal of the Jewish Historical Society of Canada, he wrote a paper on the Jewish Press of Toronto.

"I got a big kick out of doing that paper," he recalls. "There were so many colorful characters involved in the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press in this city."

On the centenary of Holy Blossom Temple in 1956, the Temple published A People and Our Faith, and the chapter in that volume on the Jewish community of Toronto was written by Kayfetz.

He has also contributed material to the publication, Patterns of Prejudice, published by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of World Jewish Congress and to Tradition published by the Orthodox rabbinate in the U.S.

He is an inveterate letters-to-the-editor writer and many of them were aimed at the editor of the now-defunct Canadian Jewish Review.

When the Depression finally ended, Ben was able to get teaching jobs in Niagara Falls and Huntsville. Later he worked as a translator and censor of letters written by German prisoners-of-war in Canada for the national defence.

Ben never considered going back to teaching or journalism once he landed the job with Congress in 1947.

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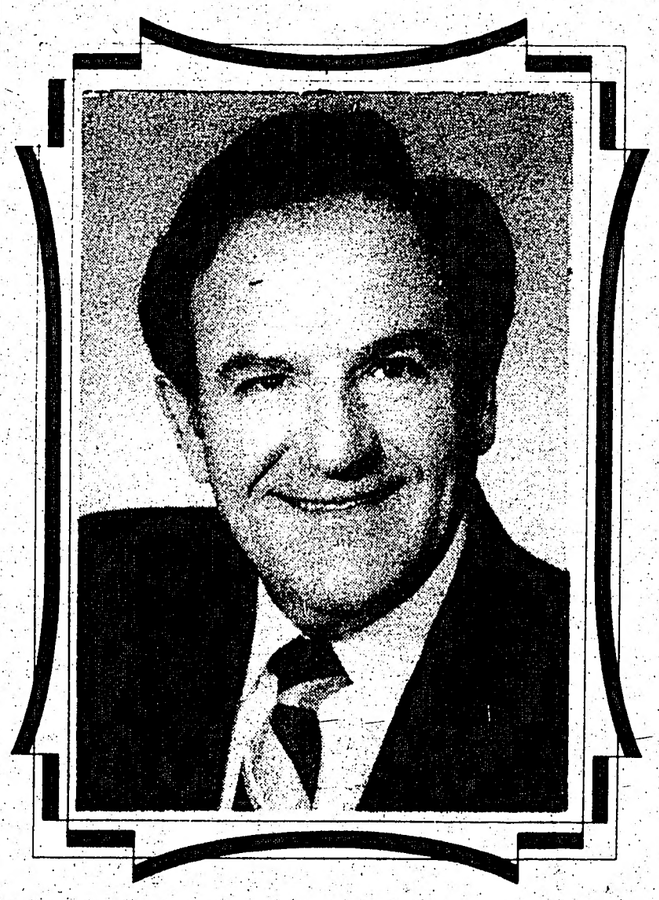

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History made during visit

UJA mission to Washington scores some points

By
BOB GOTTLIEB

TORONTO —

"When you come to us in the numbers you do, Washington pays attention."

That was the message conveyed to 110 Toronto Jewish community leaders who charter-jetted to the U.S. capital recently for an in-depth study of the Reagan administration's policies toward Israel.

Occasion was the first — and judging by the results, definitely not the last — general United Jewish Appeal mission to Washington . . . and history was made twice during the group's 1-day blitz of some very heady addresses.

•In the first instance— as they made their presence felt at the Pentagon, the state department, the new senatorial office complex on Capitol Hill, and at a special reception in the new Israel embassy — the Toronto contingent learned it was the largest UJA assemblage ever to descend on Washington.

•And in the second . . . as if orchestrated by U.S. policy-makers for the Canadians' benefit, the endorsement process began that day to ensure the largest and most favorable aid-package ever to come Israel's way.

Those who participated in the Washington Fly-In (as it was dubbed) will attest it was no casual tour of the city.

Their Pentagon and state department stanzas, for instance, were conducted by high level officials. Full-blown briefings on the American-Israel relationship were the order of the day, as well as answers to as many questions as the packed itinerary allowed.

During the busing transition between stops, consensus of the Torontonians was that the Pentagon had the edge in terms of perceiving Israel's problems and respecting its positions.

As one Fly-In member put it: "State's too cagey for me. It takes them 10 minutes to answer Yes, and 15 to answer No. I never did time them on Maybe."

A cluster of mission goers to the UJA Washington Fly-In awaits transport to airport. 110 members of the Toronto campaign leadership took part in the trip.

Luncheon held in Senate complex

A sit-down luncheon for the mission was held in the Senate office complex. On hand to speak were Democratic Senator (and former UJA national chairman) from New Jersey, Frank Lautenberg, and Minnesota Republican Senator Rudy Boschwitz.

Both underscored the impact made on Washington by groups such as that from Toronto. And, Lautenberg pointed out, it was this type of high-profile commitment to Israel that had served to make AIPAC — the American-Israel Political Action Committee — one of the most effective lobbies on Capitol Hill.

The same thread was again picked up in the visit, during the group's dinner at the Washington Hilton. This time it was Mark Talisman who made the point.

Director of the Council of Jewish Federation offices in Washington and a man long on U.S. political savvy, Talisman said: "Believe it, you've been watched and heard today. And I promise that tomorrow morning, in the appropriate government offices, there'll be desk reports on what you asked, how you were answered — and what your reactions were to those answers."

The importance of that message and indeed the impact of the entire day wasn't lost on Talisman's audience. At dinner's end, UJA Major Gifts Chairman Max Handelman announced that the Division's campaign commitments had increased 42% over last year's same-time totals.

Dr. Charles Gold, who was host-chairman for the mission, was elated over the success of the Fly-In. Said Gold: "To glean information and to make our own input felt was what this mission was all about. We more than succeeded in this respect — and at the most meaningful levels."

Gold predicts that this type of mission will become a UJA institution in Toronto.

BBYO will honor 3 men

TORONTO —

Three distinguished B'nai B'rith Youth (BBYO) alumni are to receive awards at BBYO's 60th anniversary reunion on Oct. 13 at the Inn on the Park.

To receive the awards are Judge Philip Givens, former mayor of Toronto, former member of Parliament and currently chairman of the Metro Toronto Police Commission; Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, spiritual leader of Temple Sinai and Toronto Star columnist; and Larry Grossman, treasurer of Ontario.

The three honorees have been chosen, each from a different era in the history of BBYO, in recognition of their contributions to the Jewish community.

Begun in Omaha, Neb. in 1924, BBYO has grown worldwide in 60 years to become the world's largest Jewish youth organization.

Other notable graduates of BBYO include Leonard Nimoy and William Shatner of Star Trek fame; former Metro chairman Paul Godfrey; game show host Monte Hall; former U.S. cabinet members Neil Goldsmith and Philip Klutznick; former Canadian cabinet minister Herb Gray; former B.C. premier Dave Barrett; former NDP leader Steven Lewis; TV star Lorne Green; Watergate columnist Carl Bernstein; and Toronto's late restaurateur, Sam Shopsowitz.

Tickets for the celebration are on sale at the BBYO office at 15 Hove St., telephone 635-9411.

Never on a Sunday not food store song

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For Nortown Foods, Sundays will now be just another day of the week.

In an Ontario Court of Appeal decision recently, the court held that provincial law which limited the operations of the Eglinton Ave. food store was unconstitutional.

The court's 78-page decision was reached after four days of hearings in April at which J.J. Robinette, lawyer for Nortown, presented the argument that provincial law violated the Charter's guarantee of freedom of religion.

The court held that although Nortown — which closes Saturdays and Jewish holidays — had been able to remain open on Sunday, the legal restriction that limited it to seven or fewer employees violated the guarantee of religious freedom.

The court found the purpose of the law was secular — providing a generally recognized day of rest — but its effect made it "more difficult and more costly to practice one's religion."

Mr. Justice Walter Tarnopolsky, writing the unanimous decision for the 5-man court, stated that while the law doesn't require a person to work on his Sabbath or observe the Christian Sabbath, it forces him to close or limit his business operations a second day of the week.

The financial effect of that amounts to a limit on freedom of religion, since observing a Sabbath other than Sunday is made more difficult and financially onerous, the judgment continued.

Michael Klein, owner of Nortown Foods, called the decision "very fair. We're in a very competitive business," he told The CJN, "and Sunday is a very important day for us.

"We have to give the customers service or else they'll walk out."

Nortown will now employ as many people as necessary on Sunday, Klein added, usually about nine.

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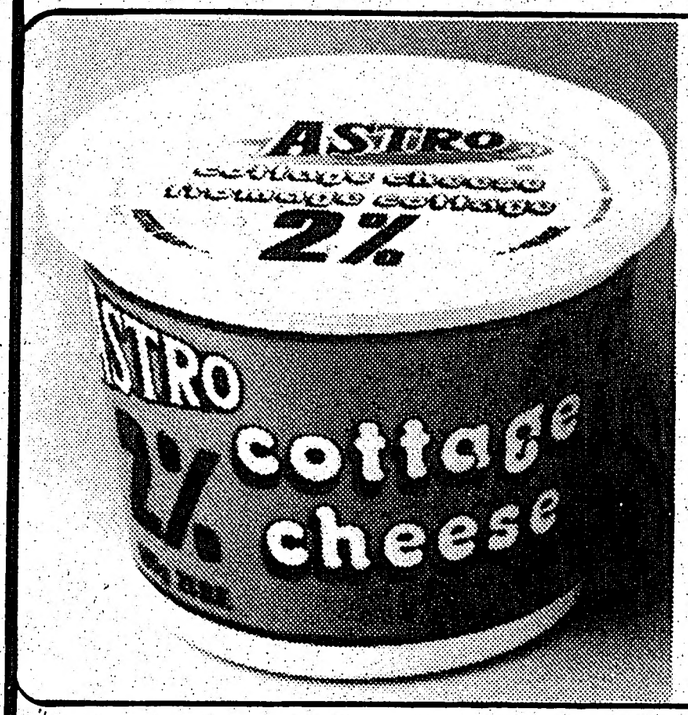

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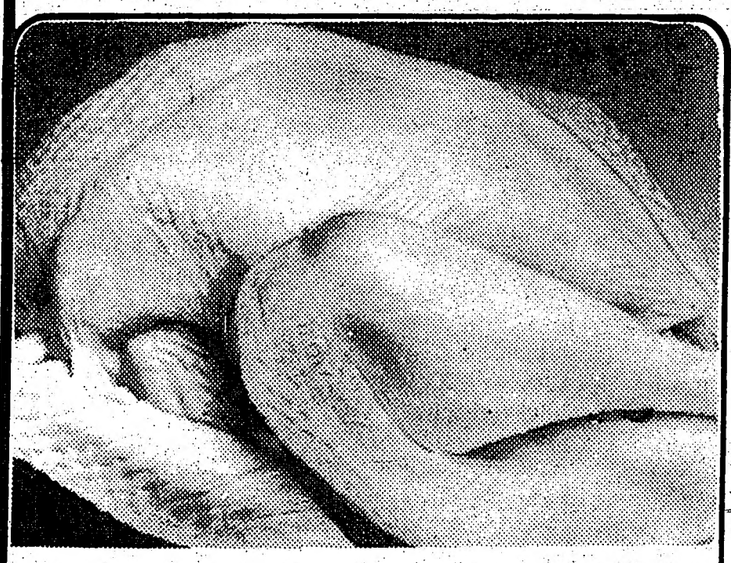

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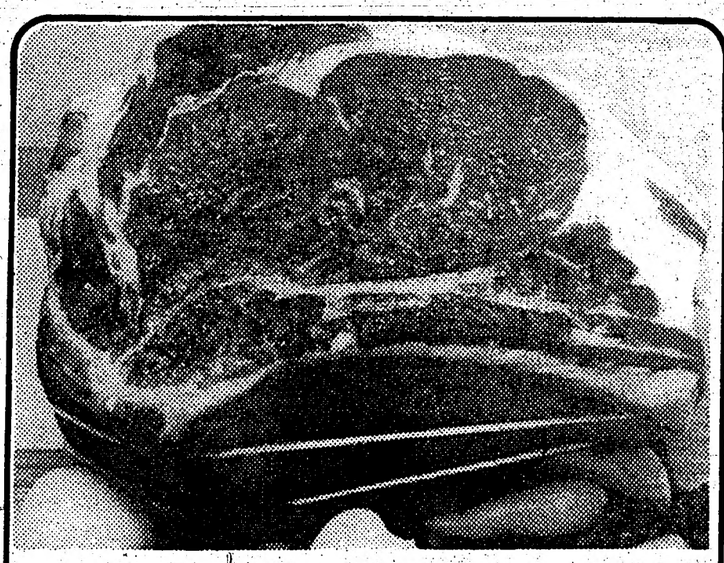

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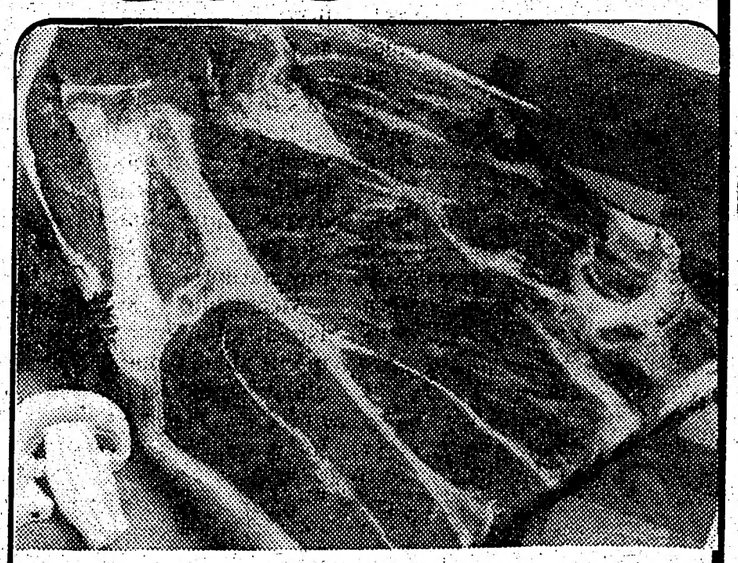

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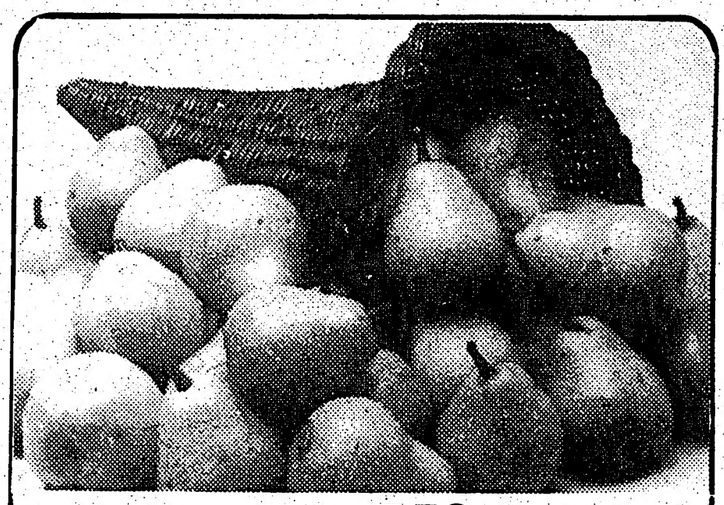

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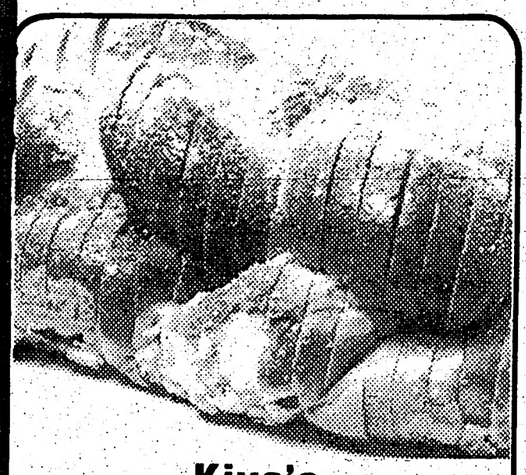

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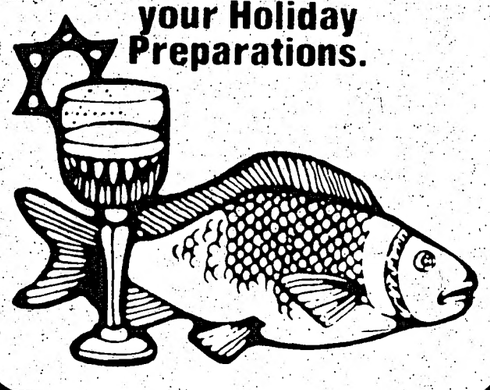

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Organizations and People

UJA workers praised

Community responds, sets Super Sunday record

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

"I had lots of fun and I will do it again next year" — Shlomie Lebowitz.

"Good stuff"—Boruch Rabinowitz.

"I loved it! Lots of good fun, good people and even yet, good food" — Eleanor Shear.

"Well organized! Good job" — Patricia Starr.

"Good food and good atmosphere" — Lisa Newman.

"Super" — Bernie Porter.

This is just a sampling of the written comments from United Jewish Appeal Super Sunday participants and sums up the general goodwill and atmosphere of the entire day, held last week.

The 4th annual community-wide UJA telethon more than lived up to expectations of organizers and overall chairman David Blank.

Five hundred volunteers turned out to man 100 telephones set up in the 4th-floor Conference Centre of the Lipa Green Building, to work in one or more of the four 3-hour shifts.

At windup the tally was a record 7,500 cards successfully covered (far beyond the hoped-for goal of 5,000), with a total amount of $1,018,000 raised for the 1985 campaign.

There was no generation gap as public school-age youngsters joined parents and grandparents through an action-packed 12 hours.

The "little people" were highly visible this year, serving as parking lot monitors, sorting processed cards, acting as runners between the telephone centre and administrative section, and generally helping out in a variety of tasks.

Two boardrooms served as centres for canvasser orientation before each shift moved on to the telephones or to help out in administration. With Carol Kassel in charge, those who conducted the sessions included Roz Davidson, Sheila Engel, Debbie Godfrey, Dr. Harry Krakowsky, Susan Pearl and Marlene Walker. Adi Sultanik, in town from Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem, was also on hand for a welcome assist.

Endless supply of food

One of the busiest teams, Alan and Lorraine Sandler, who supervised the administrative duties, covered enough mileage between their section and the Conference Centre, to get them in shape for the next Olympics.

Ron Benrubi was solely responsible for the festive decor in the main centre, as well as the large thermometer. It all helped create an atmosphere of fun from the moment volunteers entered the telephone room.

David Sadowski and Paul Rothstein were "emcees" for the day, keeping canvassers informed of progress and other news tidbits, relevant or otherwise.

Aubey Himel was responsible for the availability of the seemingly endless supply of food — cheese, bagels, fish, fresh fruit — *you name it.*

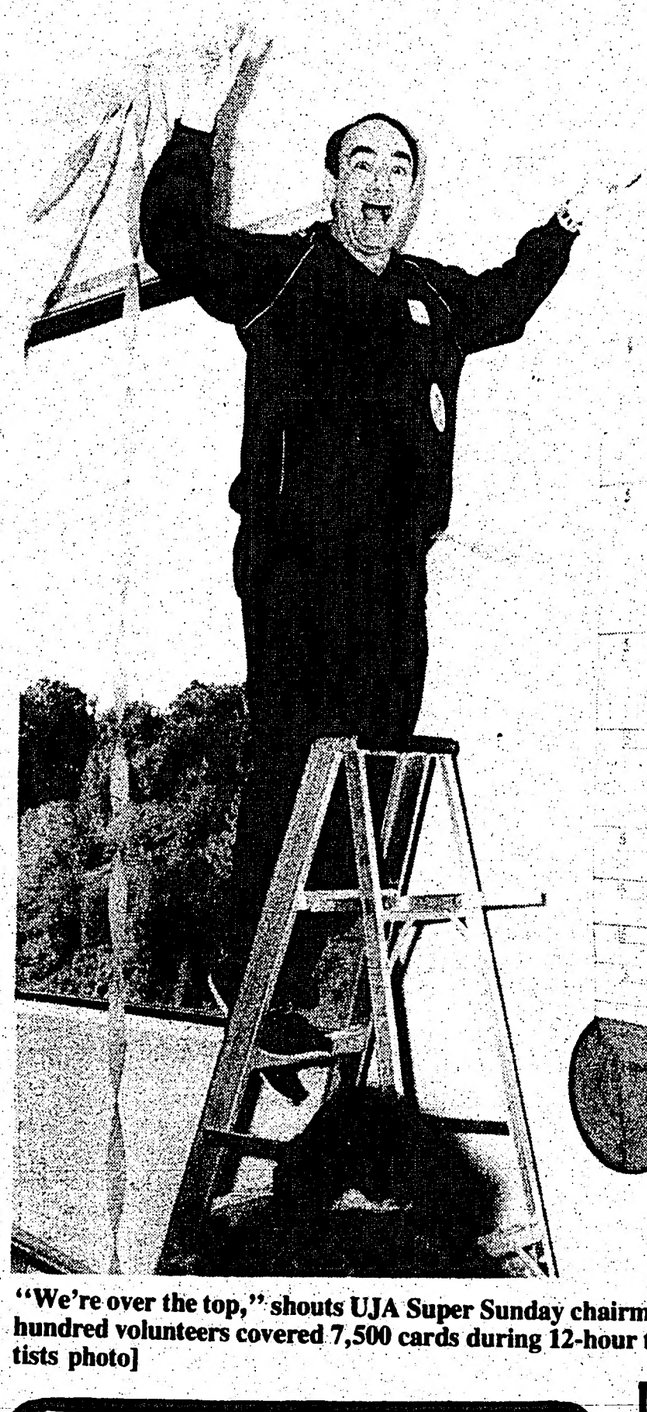
Recruitment chairmen Janice Langer, Herb Rosenfeld and David West, were on hand for most of the day, helping wherever needed.

Arthur Tanenbaum directed the flow of traffic in expert fashion, cutting confusion between shifts to a minimum.

Fay Gold and Clara Tepner did a yeoman job of canvassing in shift after shift.

In the final three hours when activities and energies are expected to be at a low level, the room was filled with members of the Young Adults division and many teens. They played a key role in bringing the figures up during their telephone stints.

Last and certainly not least, said Blank, was the "invaluable" input from UJA and Toronto Congress staff who were there from the early hours of the morning until it was all over. He particularly cited Michael Gilbert, Super Sunday staff liaison, for a "superbly organized effort."



"We're over the top," shouts UJA Super Sunday chairman, David Blank. Five hundred volunteers covered 7,500 cards during 12-hour telethon. [Graphic Artists photo]

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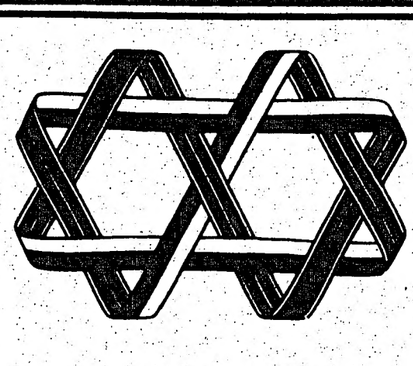

Campaign HOT-line

Physicians' Chairmen **Drs. Shim Felsen** and **Brian Silver** had an excellent turnout for the division's first major meeting of the 1985 campaign.

Held at the Lipa Green Building, those who attended were: **Ivan Goldman, Stuart Gordner, Albert Green, Ted Jacobson, Joel Jeffries, Joel Kirsh, Max Kleiman, Howard Price, Irving E. Rosen.**

Also on hand were: **Brian Schwartz, Allan Seidenfeld, Zev Shainhouse, Harvey Shaul, Ivan Silver, Neal Stein, Charles Tator, Jerry Teitel, John Waisberg, Garry Wasserman** and **Ron Zucker.**

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No matter, we still wish her the best of everything in her marriage.

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The downtown law office of **Goodman & Goodman** was the setting for a luncheon meeting of the Lawyer's Division, chaired by **Marvin Geist** and **Kenneth Karp.**

Present at the meeting which **Jerry Shear** addressed, were 22 lawyers — a lot of new faces intermingled with familiar UJA cohorts. In attendance were: **Verne Balaban, Billy Berger, Ellen Cohen, Robert Cohen, Stanley Cohen, Sheldon Disenhouse, Joseph Feldman, Leonard Fine, Sam Godfrid, Roslyn Houser, Aaron Kwinter, Ron Miller, Harvin Pitch, Stephen Posen,**

What do doctors discuss when they get together? UJA, of course. We're sure about this group, anyway. They are shown at a Physicians' meeting. From the left are: Drs. Joel Kirsh, Howard Price, Shim Felsen, Brian Silver and Ivan Silver.

The first canvassers' meeting for the Dentists' Division, also held at the Lipa Green Building, served several purposes. Just about everyone present made their own commitment, adhering to the minimum 20% increase — our 1985 objective.

They also took part in a canvasser training session conducted by **Dave Freeman,** and listened to a brief address by Campaign Chairman **Jerry Shear.**

With all that expertise, information and pledge cards in hand, they're set to go.

Present at the meeting in addition to chairmen **Drs. Brian A. Feldman, Stan Jacobson** and **Russell Leve,** were: **Sheldon Baker, David Burstein, Bonnie Chandler-Orzy, Arnold Closner, Mervin Cooper, Jack Fingrut, Allan Freedman, Nat Freudman, Alan Gans, Marvin Goldstein.**

Joining their dental colleagues were **Drs. Jeffrey Kirshenbaum, Irwin Lancit, Mitchell Levine, Mark Milchman, Sam Newman, Henry Nirenberg, Ira Schecter, Allan Simon, Howard Tile, Les Train** and **Ken Wolch.**

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Mazel tov to **Dr. Karen Smith!**

Karen has joined **Drs. Scarlat Albright** and **Dennis Ruskin** as a Co-chairman of the Optometrists' Division. But that's not the primary reason for our congratulations. She is a **newlywed** and very conveniently arranged to return from her honeymoon just in time to help plan the division's first major meeting which has been scheduled for October 21.

Actually, Karen didn't consciously time her honeymoon for UJA's convenience, it just worked out to our advantage.

Bert Raphael, Phil Schwartz, Sam Schwartz, Joseph Shier, Michael Steinberg, Joseph Steiner, Rick Sutin and **Lorne Wolfson.**

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You can't win them all — weather-wise, that is!

We had everything going for us on Super Sunday, as attendance and results will verify (see story in this issue). Unfortunately, Women's Division didn't fare as well on Country Club Day, when the heavens opened with a torrential downpour. Even though it put a damper on planned outdoor activities in the morning program — golf and tennis — there was lots to do inside.

Mah-jongg and card tables were set up early and there was a full dining room for lunch and the distribution of some great door prizes.

From what we hear, **Ida Bloom** along with Co-chairmen **Shirley Sobel** and **Irene Hennick,** did remarkably well in getting a terrific collection of goodies donated for so many of the women who came out. Everyone went home with something.

Most important, the division chalked up some sizable percentage increases for the day.

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Adi Sultanik, director of Leadership Development for Keren Hayesod, conducted three canvasser education sessions in one day for Women's Division.

Organized by Education Chairman **Roz Davidson** and her Associate Chairman **Sharon Polansky** for canvassers in all divisions and categories, the sessions attracted a very respectable turnout of 200 women for the day.

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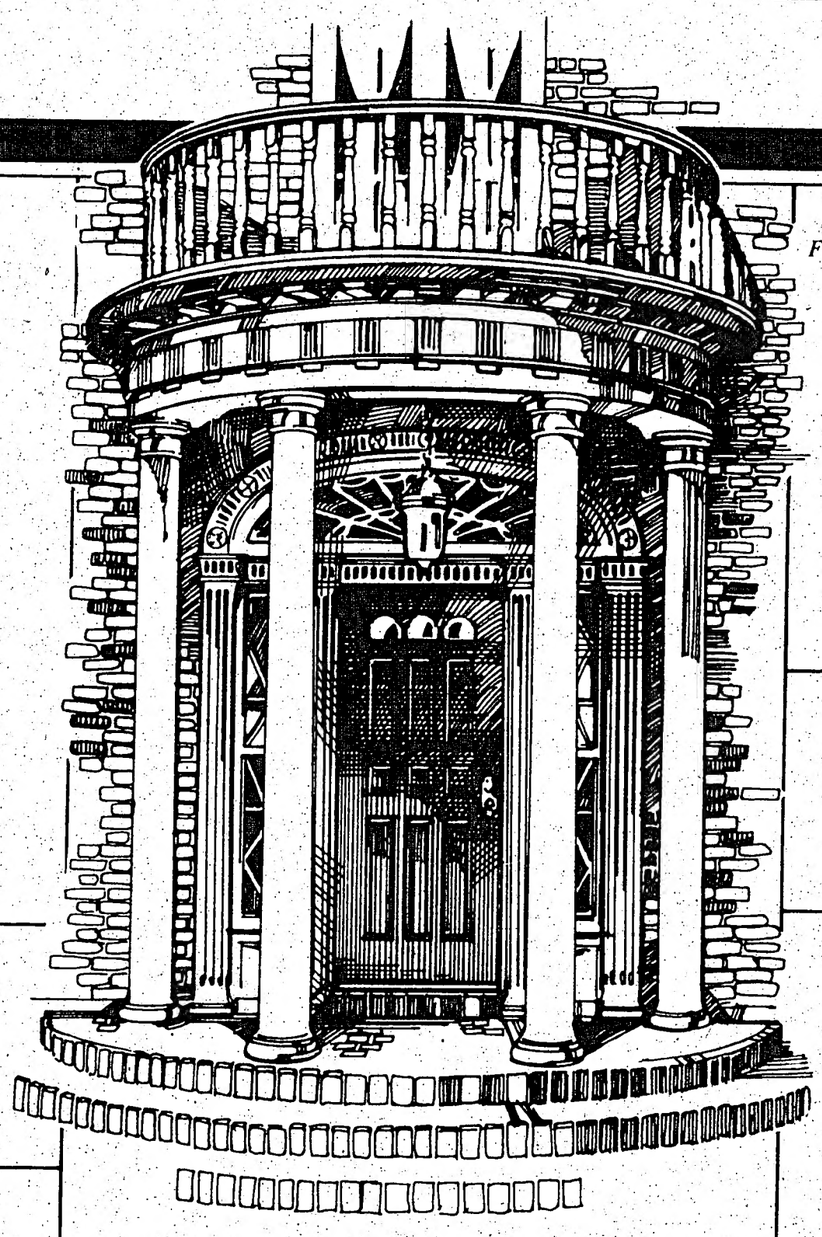

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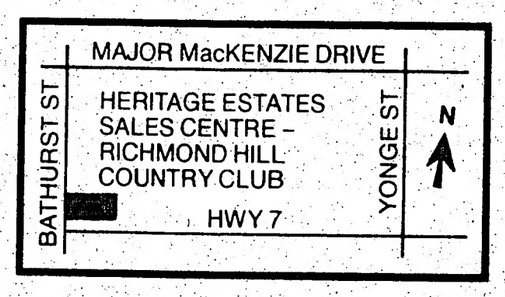

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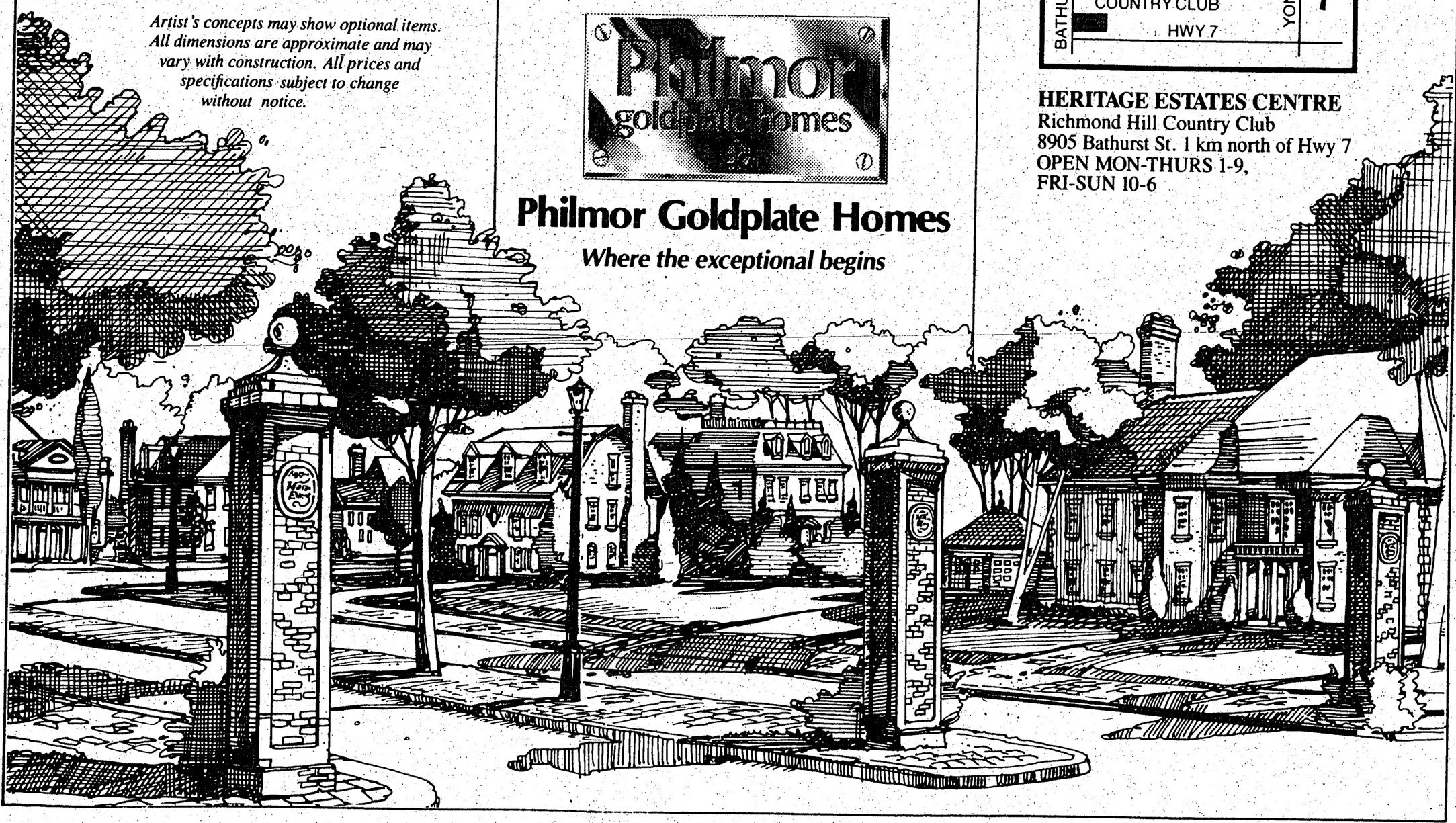

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Catholic Church "constantly changing"

Judaism viewed as a sister religion by church

By
VIVIEN SHARON

Pope John Paul II's recent visit to Midland, Ont., where the pontiff greeted Canada's native people. "It was moving to see the Holy Father on the side of nature; in the past the church has always been on the side of the colonizers.

TORONTO —
In the past two decades the Catholic Church has modified its Christian teachings by encouraging open dialogue with other faiths, especially Judaism, says Gregory Baum, professor of theology at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, who addressed a symposium on the subject of religious faith last week following the papal visit.

"In the last 20 years the Catholic Church has begun to move," said Baum, addressing a breakfast meeting of more than 300 at Holy Blossom Temple.

As an example of "openness," Baum cited "Yet, for the past 15 years the church has been helping the native people's struggle for their land claim. I was moved to see this change, but saddened that this didn't take place earlier," he said.

Baum stated that the Holocaust and destruction of European Jewry has mollified Christian dogma somewhat. "Today, all churches speak out on issues of human rights, preaching repentance over the silence of the church during the terrible years of the Holocuast," he said.

The theologian pointed out that the church of modernity is a "moving reality" and that liberals are making "currents" in the church to make it more open and accessible for dialogue.

"The church is united in reading the same scriptures; what we wrestle with is interpretation. What do these messages mean in terms of modernity and history, secular values, technology and the nuclear age?

"We are a pilgrim church that is constantly changing. After the atrocities of the 20th century, we (the church) view Judaism not as a stepping stone to Christianity but recognize it as a sister religion.

"We no longer espouse the belief that, as a prerequisite to dialogue, we must try to convert Jews to Christianity," Baum added.

Another panelist, Rev. John Buchanan, minister of Woodbridge Presbyterian Church, confirmed that as a liberal clergyman he voiced his shame to fellow Christians for their attitudes toward the Jewish people, especially during the Holocaust.

The minister said that "we wait upon the word of God in the scriptures, the New Testament and primarily in Jesus . . . yet that doesn't allow us to make claim to His superiority.

"No one has the monopoly on the word of God," said Buchanan. "We must reason together, listen to each other and be open to the grace of God."

Rabbi Dow Marmur, of Holy Blossom Temple, said that the Jewish faith signifies belief in traditon, learning and halacha. "The role of a religious leader is to teach and enable an individual to have a dialogue with the text. The scriptural word in Judaism cannot become flesh as in Christian dogma."

During the question and answer period, Baum expounded upon the universal significance of the Pope's visit to Canada.

"Upon his arrival in Quebec, he greeted all peoples — francophones, anglophones, Catholics, Protestants, immigrants, secular Canadians, the people of Israel, and so on," he said. "He tried to reach out to every faith."

Canada still affected by racist legislation

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
For most of its history, up until well after the World War II, Canada was governed by racist legislation which is still having its effects felt today, according to Quebec Liberal Party justice critic Herbert Marx.

"During the past 30 or so years there has been a complete reversal of the racist policy and laws of the previous 70 years," he said. "However, we have not as yet erased all the damage and we have not eradicated all the attitudes. We are still living with the vestiges and effects of decades of racist policies, laws and practices."

Marx said that while there are no second-class citizens in law today, there are many second class-citizens in fact.

He says that federal, provincial and municipal governments must take action to move towards a more equitable society. he made the following recommendations:

All governments should apply anti-discrimination legislation more vigorously. "Good laws which are not applied are ineffective. We must put more teeth into our anti-discrimination laws."

Laws and regulations must be modified so that "the right of every Canadian to be different" is recognized. For example, the religious holidays of Jews and other non-Christians should be recognized along with those of the Christian majority. They should be exempted from school and work on these holidays, for instance.

All governments should take measures to ensure that the personnel in governmental and para-governmental institutions, as well as crown corporations, reflects the pluralistic society of Canada.

"All Canadians should be able to recognize themselves in the various institutions of government. Governments must take the lead in implementing affirmative action programs," according to Marx.

"Moreover, governments must show the way — a way that must also be followed by private enterprise."

Historically, racism was most evident in Canadian immigration laws, said Marx.

Marx said one of the most tragic episodes of racism in Canada was the internment of Japanese Canadians and the seizure of their property by the government during World War II. He said the Canadian government should not only make a formal apology to Japanese Canadians, but pay full compensation to all persons who were unjustly interned or unfairly dispossessed of their property.

Rabbi Alexander Linchner, left, founder of Boys Town Jerusalem, is shown being greeted by Eric Exton, chairman of the board, The Canadian Friends.

Boys Town founder will be honored

TORONTO —
Torontonians who expect to be in Tel Aviv Oct. 22 will be welcomed at a tribute dinner there honoring Rabbi Alexander Linchner, founder of Boys Town Jerusalem.

You can phone the Toronto office of The Canadian Friends of the school at (416) 789-7241 for details.

Rabbi Linchner was in Toronto recently to discuss plans for a Canadian wing in the Boys Town College of Applied Engineering.

Almost 1,200 students recently registered for the new school year. An analysis of the background of these young men revealed that 86.2% are of Sephardic origin; almost half are from families of between seven to 10 persons, an indication of the assistance these students require.

Judaism seeks Christian help

TORONTO —
Jews and Christians must work together to reinforce positive impressions of the Judaic tradition on young children in Roman Catholic schools, according to Rabbi Michael Cook, professor of International and Early Christian Literature at the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

Addrsssing a public forum on the Jewish response to the papal visit at Holy Blossom Temple last week, Cook said that there are many warped impressions of Jews in Roman Catholic publications that he finds "disturbing" and "damaging."

"Christian students need to be helped to understand Judaism as a vital and viable religion," said the professor, who has published numerous articles and a book on the subject of the origins of the scribe/Pharisee tradition and the New Testament.

"Roman Catholic textbooks in parochial schools must be revised to eliminate any denigration of Jews and Judaism, and publishers must be contacted in each instance," he said.

Cook said early Christianity and Jesus should be introduced as a backdrop to Judaism of their day so that Christian youngsters will create a positive image of Jews. Judaism should be perceived as a valid continuation of the Jewish scriptures and be presented irrespective of any relation to Jesus.

Cook, who is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the Association for Jewish Studies and the Catholic Biblical Association, outlined some concrete changes in Catholic texts which he hopes will be enforced:

- That the Old Testament be perceived as "ancient" not "outmoded."
- That the covenant between God and the Jewish people remain in effect, even today.
- That Judaism be presented as a dynamic religion then and now.
- That the Pharisees be perceived as learned Jewish scholars, not hypocrites.
- That the Jewish Bible stress God's love for His people, not wrath.

"Changes take time. In the long run, we've made tremendous progress," said Cook, who served as a textbook consultant for the archdiocese of Louisville, "yet much remains to be accomplished."

As a tangible example of progress, he cited several proposals made by the Vatican Council II in 1965, and reinforced in 1975, in which Christian perceptions of Judaism have been refashioned.

Some of the anti-Jewish impressions being dispelled are: (1) that the death of Jesus cannot be blamed upon all the Jews then living nor upon the Jews of today; (2) that Roman Catholics should strive to understand the significance, in Jewish theology, of the bond between the Israelite people and the Holy Land; (3) that Judaism should not be presented in such a way that it seems only a religion of legalism, fear and justice, devoid of love of God and humanity, and (4) that Roman Catholics should understand that a viable Judaism has continued to develop after the destruction of Jerusalem in the year 70 CE.

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Catholics mix with Jews, but destinations different

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — In many ways it was a Saturday just like any other Saturday in the predominantly Jewish community of Downsview. However the visit of the head of the Roman Catholic Church to Downsview Airport, for what became the largest public mass in Canada, necessitated some changes.

The arrival of Pope John Paul II in the northern part of Metro Toronto did not affect the routine of people who remained in their own community attending shul, going shopping or visiting friends and relatives. But one only had to venture to a main thoroughfare to notice the changes to the area.

Police were stationed at every intersection around the 42-square kilometre area bounded by Finch, Bathurst, Lawrence and Jane, checking cars entering the area for papal permits — distributed the week before the papal mass to residents and merchants in the area — and turning back vehicles lacking permits.

While there was an absence of cars in Downsview Saturday morning, the streets leading to Downsview Airport were busy as throngs of people parked and walked from the Yonge St. subway stations, Yorkdale Shopping Centre and York University to the open air mass site, mingling with Jews on their way to synagogue.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman, spiritual leader of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, told The CJN that the Pope's visit did not affect Saturday morning services. He said that although there were no bar mitzvahs, there still was a regular crowd of about 500 worshippers present.

Rabbi Philip Scheim, spiritual leader of Beth David B'Nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, also said his synagogue was not affected by the papal visit. He said there was a full attendance of about 400, including one bar mitzvah.

Scheim said that those holding the bar mitzvah had sent out papal permits in advance to their guests and that guests who drove to shul indicated to him that driving was much easier due to the restrictions in the area.

While Jews davened in synagogues around Downsview, Catholics made their way to the mass site. Police reported that a greater number walked along Wilson Ave. from the York Mills subway station to the southern gate at Wilson Ave. and Transit Rd.

It was a crowd of approximately 1,000 which was stationed at this gate hours earlier as the gates opened Saturday morning at 12 a.m.

Hoping to get a good spot to view the 36-foot altar, these believers braved the rain and cold winds Friday night, as they poured into the 380-acre site, equipped with blankets, sleeping bags and chairs.

As the night slowly gave way to Saturday's cloudy skies, crowds continued to file into Downsview Airport, until over 500,000 were huddled together, in the 260 roped-off sections waiting for their spiritual leader.

The impending arrival of the Pope was announced throughout Downsview's Jewish community as the Pope's helicopter passed overhead on its way to the mass site. There the crowds, having been packed together on the muddy fields under cloudy skies for hours, began to cheer and applaud as the helicopter appeared.

Finally the man everyone at the site had traveled so far and waited so long to see appeared and even though many could not see him approach the altar in the popemobile, the papal flags went up whenever he passed by.

As the mass began the streets around Downsview Airport were quieter than usual because traffic had been halted by police barricades.

Two hours later it was all over and the Pope moved on to nearby Unionville. The crowds began to slowly dissipate and by evening everything had been as it was in the Jewish area.

Muddy fields at the Downsview Airport papal mass site forced some to wear grocery bags on their feet.[Larry Ross photo]

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Pioneered new techniques in radio

Dobbs called superb human being

TORONTO —

One of Canada's earliest radio personalities, well known broadcaster of the 40s and 50s, and longtime communal worker, Harvey Dobbs, 72, died recently after a heroic bout with cancer.

Dobbs, a member of Baycrest Centre's board of governors, also started its annual Honor Roll magazine for its Men's Service Group in 1964.

Honor Roll magazine editor for 20 years, he was twice chosen as the Group's Man of the Year.

Described as "a superb human being" by good friend, Eric Exton, chairman of the board emeritus at Baycrest, Dobbs spent his final hours working at Baycrest.

The diminuitive 5 foot 4 broadcaster was best known for shows such as Did I Say That?, a show which ran 15 years, and Herman Harmonies, a program of light, classical music which ran 21 years.

He also wrote and produced the popular Ken Sobel's Amateur Hour and was the jingle writer for such familiar commercials as Got a House to Sell, Call Mann and Martel.

Did I Say That? was the first recorded quiz program in Canada, and, in its time, often achieved higher ratings than the celebrated Lux Radio Theatre.

Dobbs pioneered new techniques in radio. He was one of the first to use portable recording equipment (for Did I Say That?) and to employ 2-way phone conversations on the air with listeners. The latter technique Dobbs used to break down the isolation of Cape Breton miners when he was a broadcaster in Glace Bay, N.S., in 1937.

Born in Dundas, Ont., to Russian parents whose surname was Dubinsky, Dobbs changed his name to overcome anti-semitism, which, in radio, was most overt in the 30s.

Despite the great numbers of Jews who later found both fame and fortune in the medium, Dobbs found anti-semitism to be a common but more subtle phenomenon right through the 50s.

During ther 30s and early 40s, Dobbs conceived, wrote and produced shows, got sponsors, and then marketed the whole package to radio stations, mostly in Ontario, but sometimes in Winnipeg and Halifax.

He frequently commented that although his shows were popular and brought in millions of dollars in revenues, because he was Jewish, he was never asked to join the staff of any radio station until November, 1949, when CHUM employed him. He remained with CHUM until March, 1978.

As a sales rep for CHUM, Dobbs found the leisure time he never had

Harvey Dobbs

and plunged more than ever into communal activities, using his prodigious talents and experience for B'nai B'rith (he was a former president of Eglinton Lodge), Boys' Town Jerusalem, Variety Club and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, where he devoted 25 years of service.

At Variety, Dobbs was for many years the perennial luncheon chairman, introducing a host of visiting stars such as Danny Kaye, Sammy Davis and Rich Little. In 1973, Dobbs, who had a reputation for eloquence, won Variety's highest honor, the Heart Award.

Stricken with cancer four years ago, he fought a courageous battle against the disease. Helped by Ruth, his wife, he resisted any attempts to cut back on his activities, communal or recreational, for as long as he could. Even with a grim weight loss which left him gaunt, Dobbs bought suspenders, the first in his life, and attended dinners, concerts and came to Baycrest daily.

On Sept. 7, Dobbs' valiant struggle ended.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, son, David, daughter-in-law, Diane, granddaughter, Vicki, two sisters, Lillian and Bessie, and a brother, Irving.

Fairclough linked with Golda Meir

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Eleanor Roosevelt, Golda Meir and now Ellen Fairclough — "the third great lady" it has been Alice Peerce's privilege to meet.

The occasion was the Hamilton State of Israel Bonds Women's Division Eleanor Roosevelt Centennial luncheon in honor of Ellen L. Fairclough, a minister in the Diefenbaker cabinet.

Mrs. Peerce, chairman of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization and national chairman of the Eleanor Roosevelt Centennial, came to Adas Israel Synagogue here to present Canada's first woman cabinet minister with the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award.

Hers was not the only tribute linking the names of Ellen Fairclough with those of Eleanor Roosevelt and Golda Meir.

Guest speaker Avi Granot, press attache at the Israel embassy in Ottawa, declared that he had come not only to talk about Israel Bonds but about "the bonds that tie women of great vision and dreams, women of great valor and the capability to fullfil their dreams . . . the bonds that tie Eleanor Roosevelt, Ellen Fairclough and Golda Meir together."

Some of the organizations and titles may differ, he said, but the more he hears and reads about Ellen Fairclough, "the more I feel I'm sitting in Israel with Golda Meir."

Senator David Croll, a member of the honorary tribute committee but unable to attend the luncheon, in a letter to Women's Division chairman Claire Mandel, wrote: "You can well associate her name with Eleanor Roosevelt, who was the first. And in our time, Ellen Fairclough was the first."

She has joined those who understand the significance of the State of Israel, he continued, and, by lending her name, "has joined the ranks of many great people outside the Jewish community who understand that economic stability and growth are essential to the development of democracy" in Israel.

Dr. Victor C. Goldbloom, president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, who noted that Mrs. Fairclough received that organization's Human Relations Award in 1979, gave thanks "for the State of Israel and the opportunity to help her grow and develop and live in peace . . . a very special thanks for this country, Canada . . . and thanks for having Ellen Fairclough among us."

The Council's work of "bringing people together in decency and mutual respect . . . so that they look at each other as human beings and not as labels of identity" is basically educational and needs to be continued. And Ellen Fairclough, who has been a member of the board for many years, "has never left it aside and made a contribution that is absolutely exceptional."

The luncheon was part of a year-long tribute by the Israel Bond Organization, making the 100th anniversary of the birth of Eleanor Roosevelt by honoring distinguished women throughout North America "for their achievement, their humanitarian endeavors and their pursuit of peace in the world," said Mrs. Peerce, and in presenting the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award, she described Ellen Fairclough as a woman "who best epitomized the soul and spirit of Eleanor Roosevelt."

Accepting the award "in deep humility," Mrs. Fairclough, who will be 80 in January, responded by saying: "Humanity is a warm word that evokes visions of the crossing of racial lines and ethnic customs, of religious beliefs and age-old traditions. The degree of one's contribution to any of it must be in ratio to the extent of individual opportunity, an opportunity which must be seized at once or lost forever."

Other speakers included regional chairman Anne Jones; Mayor Bob Morrow; Archbishop Robert S. C. Grigg; Isabel Strub on behalf of the Hamilton Jewish Federation; Marvin Caplan, associate general chairman of Hamilton Bonds, and Claire Mandel, who in conclusion noted that Bonds Purchases "were way over the top of any other (Women's Division) luncheon we've ever had."

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Shocked at quantity of material

Police investigate hate literature

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Are Roman Catholics Christian?

Was the Gestapo run by Jesuits?

Did the Jews cause the Russian Revolution?

These apparently absurd and inflammatory questions can be found in material deposited on doorsteps and mailboxes throughout Toronto, and so far no legal recourse has been found to prevent it.

At the Ontario headquarters of Project H, two long-standing police officers drawn from the Metro Toronto Police and the Ontario Provincial Police pore over innocuous, pocket-size comic books that supposedly give the answers to these questions.

They are part of the large body of material that Detective-Sergeant Bob Pegg of the OPP and Sergeant Ross Maywood of the Metro police have been screening daily since the joint task force was inaugurated on May 1.

Established at the request of Attorney-General Roy McMurtry, the squad has been given the mandate of "determining the size and scope of the problem of hate literature and developing personnel with some sort of expertise and knowledge of the subject," according to Pegg.

For Pegg, 46, a 21-year veteran of the OPP, being assigned to the squad from the anti-rackets branch (which deals with fraud) was something of a surprise.

He was in for another shock when after a short time he saw the large quantities of material in circulation.

Despite what he termed "an identity crisis to start — no one knew we were around" — they have recently been receiving an average of six complaints per week.

Jews, Catholics, Blacks, Germans, usually acting individually, have all brought materials to the attention of the force.

It recently received a complaint from an Arab group about the negative depiction it feels Arabs received at the hands of Leon Uris in his novel The Haj.

Some of the material investigated is being distributed by right wing organizations such as the Western Guard, Canadian Intelligence Services and Nationalist Report, while other material originates in the United States, mostly in California.

In the weeks leading up to the visit of the Pope, there has been a marked proliferation in anti-Catholic materials, Pegg says.

Catholics called heretics

A California publisher has been one major supplier of material that alleges the Gestapo was run by Jesuits, that Jesuits backed Lenin, Stalin and the Russian Revolution and that Hitler was supported by the Vatican.

Material from obscure churches in the U.S., named for their equally obscure founders, terms Catholics heretics and asks its readers to vote against Catholics.

Jews have been singled out in other pamphlets, being blamed for the Russian Revolution and termed "destroyers forever," Pegg says.

Sometimes the material will make use of quotes from the target group to lend credence to the claims.

"I've found in a normal piece of hate propaganda there are truths in it, but also a lot of half-truths and untruths," Pegg says. "Invariably, some quotes may be accurate, but they only give part of the quote. They hope to convey to the reader that if it's true, then the rest is true."

Despite the large volume of literature that apparently incites hatred, no Criminal Code convictions have yet been registered in Canada. The problem with the dissemination of pamphlets and comic books is that "the communication element must be proved," Pegg says. The material is often just dropped in a mailbox or porch, and so it is impossible to prove the publisher "communicated" it, he added.

"I would like to see changes made in some regards," Pegg continued. "If there's literature we know is hateful, and someone has 100 copies, then it's not for his own use. The law could be similar to marijuana laws, where you have simple possession and possession with intent to traffic. That would eliminate the problem with doorsteps, if we knew who the supplier was."

He also favors the proposals to amend the Code put forward by former Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan before Parliament dissolved prior to the election campaign.

Since the task force came into existence in May as the only one of its kind in Canada, it has begun to create public awareness of its work. That is a key element if the force is to respond quickly to complaints, Pegg says.

Before its inception, complaints would go through several channels before the police began work on it. "That meant a lot of time was wasted and you'd lose the continuity of the investigation," Pegg says.

Project H can be contacted at 90 Harbour St., Toronto, M7A 2S1, or by telephone at 965-3112 or 965-8114.

The Maramoresher Society of Toronto recently donated a new ambulance to Magen David Adom, Israel's emergency service. From left, Morton Rosenthal, Ephraim Ben-Mattityahu, Joseph Lazar and Martin Perl. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Maramoreshers send ambulance to Israel

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — A new ambulance will hit the streets of Israel just prior to Rosh Hashanah, due to the efforts of the Maramoresher Society of Toronto which donated the new vehicle to Magen David Adom, Israel's national emergency service.

"I can think of a no better present for Rosh Hashanah then an ambulance...as it is dedicated to save lives," said Ephraim Ben-Mattityahu, vice-consul of Israel, at the dedication breakfast held recently at the Earl Bales Community Centre.

The ambulance, fully equipped and marked with the scarlet insignia of the Magen David, was donated by the Maramoresher Society in memory of families of members who perished in the Holocaust.

Morton Rosenthal, national president of Canadian Red Magen David for Israel (CARMDI), MDA's support organization in Canada, told the 200 people gathered for the dedication that he was grateful to the society for participating in the "historic occasion" and that the ambulance was expected to arrive in Israel within 10 days (of Sept. 16).

"We are here today because the Jewish people are drawn together by their belief in the sanctity of life," said Rosenthal. "Our presence here today is most appropriate because for Magen David Adom, the saving of life regardless of racial or religious origin, is for all of us the ultiminate goal of our existence."

Joseph Lazar, president of the Maramoreshers pledged the society's continued support to Israel.

Magen David Adom has provided emergency ambulance and blood service to Israel since 1930 when it was founded. As well as performing tasks carried out by other Red Cross Societies throughout the world, it now also supports a network of health services in addition to its role in dealing with national emergencies.

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Makes trek to Canada

Israeli banker finds new home

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
In contemporary times, banking and international finance know no boundaries, with capital traveling freely between borders. Paralleling that free flow of capital is the mobility of the men and women who make the operations run, who can be called upon to take up a post thousands of miles away from their homes.

Meshulam Druckman is the latest Israeli banker to make the trek to Canada, taking over from Yaacov Pachter as chief executive officer and general manager of Bank Hapoalim (Canada), the subsidiary of the Israeli-owned bank.

David Zegen will be assuming duties as head of the parent company's representative office in Toronto, taking over from Amnon Barnoy.

Druckman's appointment to the Canadian posting has been in the works for several years, but personal matters prevented him from taking the assignment.

Now with his daughter Zafi married and older son Ron in the regular army, Druckman, his wife Jafa (like the orange, he jokes) and younger son Nimrod have set up house in Toronto for a stay he expects to last from three to five years.

His chief mission here, he says, will be "to increase the volume and profit of the bank and make it a progressive bank in Canada."

He will continue the present policy of involving the bank in "the medium-sized market and support trade and development between Canada and Israel. We don't intend to be in the retail business," he adds. "That's why we're on the 63rd floor," referring to the bank's location near the top of a downtown office tower.

For Druckman, the move to Canada is a challenge and something of a first. He'll have responsibility over an operation that is only about three years old, and he will be working abroad for an extended period for the first time.

"I'll have to stay three to five years, maybe six," he says, "because it's not really worth it to stay less than three. It takes you a year to get used to a country, people, customers and customs of the place. In the next year you're most fruitful, and in the third year you have some nice advantages. If you go back, the company loses."

Changing of the guard. Yaacov Pachter, chief executive officer of Bank Hapoalim, right, makes way for Meshulam Druckman.

For the 52-year-old Druckman, the move to Canada was a major shift. As a 20-year veteran with Bank Hapoalim, he had managed to obtain a prestigious posting as Tel Aviv regional manager. When he left he was responsible for 34 branches, about 700 employees and dealt with some of the biggest businesses in Israel.

Druckman started in banking 33 years ago, working for a privately-owned bank started by a German-Jewish immigrant.

In those days he "started from the floor, as a teller" and eventually graduated to chequing department manager. He came to Bank Hapoalim as head of the foreign exchange department for Haifa and the northern district.

A native of Bukovina, a district of pre-war Romania and now part of the Soviet Union, Druckman's life experiences read like something from a novel.

He spent part of the war in a concentration camp in Transnistria and in 1947 he boarded a liner for the illegal trip to what was then Palestine. Unfortunately he was captured and sent to Cyprus, but through luck and by falsifying his age, he was released after three months and allowed to travel to Palestine legally.

He joined kibbutz Usha near Haifa and took part in fighting in the 1948 War of Independence. He received a serious injury that disabled him, and after recovering he attended university, setting the foundation for his career in banking.

He eventually moved to Haifa, and in 1955 married Jafa. That was seven years after their paths first crossed. Coincidentally she was also a passenger on that ship from Cyprus to Israel and in Haifa they lived in the same neighborhood.

In 1974 they moved to Herzlia, and Druckman took up the post in Tel Aviv. Since then he has visited branches abroad in Switzerland, England and the United States, and on a trip to New York he took the time for a short visit to Toronto.

Now they are looking forward to living among "the warm Jewish community of Toronto," for what could be a lengthy stay.

New day school begins classes

TORONTO —
Netivot HaTorah, Toronto's newest Jewish day school, opened its doors at 55 Yeomans Rd. recently with 40 children happily learning how to speak Hebrew.

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Special emphasis will be placed on personalities in biblical history and on Parshat Hashavua.

The staff is headed by Rabbi William Shimansky, a veteran of 23 years in Jewish day school education.

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"Unemployment could lead to emigration"

Bonds plea made to fight crisis in Israel economy

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

In years past, Toronto Jewry responded to the frequent crises in which Israel found itself with customary generosity. This year Israel is not fighting for its life as it had in 1967 and 1973, but is facing a more prosaic crisis — and economic disaster, according to a visiting Israeli journalist.

Chayim Yavin, anchorman on Israel's nightly newscasts, recently told an audience of 250 at a Beth Tzedec-Israel Bonds dinner that "in heroic times it's easy to feel for the Jewish state. In crises, it's David versus Goliath.

"Now the crisis is in the economy, and it's not the soldier as symbol, but the industrialist and laborer."

He urged the synagogue members and guests to be generous in their purchase of Bonds. After all, he continued, "Jews have only other Jews to help themselves."

Israel can't afford to fight inflation in the way Western countries did, he added. "Unemployment could lead to emigration, and Israel is there to give people jobs and a new life. Israel can't afford unemployment."

Despite his recitation of Israel's gloomy economic statistics, Yavin saw cause for hope.

Israel's "is a young, basically healthy economy," he stated. "Near Haifa there is a mini-Silicon Valley. Fortune Magazine has rated Israel No. 2 in some sophisticated computer industries and high technology," he said.

"Israel is developing the jet fighter of the 1990s — the Lavi. So, we have the basis for developing high-tech industries," he added. "We can survive in the Middle East if we continue to be a highly advanced, educated, technological society. To keep strong, we must invest in Israel's economy."

Yavin, whose remarks were greeted by warm applause, had to share the limelight that night with a local celebrity, Nathan Hurwich, whose accomplishments and community service record could fill a book, was honored with a unique Heritage Award from the State of Israel.

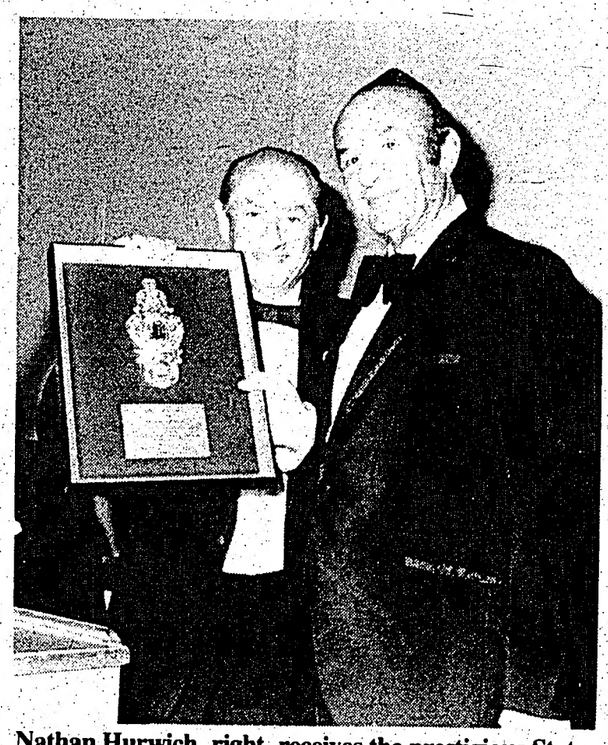
Alex Grossman, Israel Bonds general campaign chairman, in presenting the award told Hurwich "the State of Israel is privileged to give you an award like this."

Donald Carr, the tribute committee chairman, introduced Hurwich and recounted some of Hurwich's achievements as a member of Toronto Jewish Congress, founder of the first Canadian chapter of Friends of Bar Ilan University, president of Jewish National Fund-Toronto, member of the Canadian Zionist Federation, and on and on. "Despite that, he never rested on his laurels," Carr said.

In accepting the award Hurwich quoted Haim Nahman Bialik: "I don't believe your exaggerated praise, but I love hearing it."

Earlier, Marilyn Light, Israel Bond chairwoman, reported on the progress of the campaign, and announced that pledges from the Beth Tzedec Congregation, not including Kol Nidre night, totaled $812,750. The goal of at least matching last year's $1 million was within range, she said.

Last year, the Beth Tzedec was the single largest contributor per capita of Toronto synagogues. In all $26 million was raised in Toronto through sale of Israel Bonds.



Nathan Hurwich, right, receives the prestigious State of Israel Bonds Heritage Award from Toronto general campaign chairman Alex Grossman. [Dave Whittaker photo]

Greenbaum given research fund post

TORONTO —

Pearl Greenbaum, a community leader with 30 years of experience, has been named executive director of the Toronto Chapter of the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF).

Greenbaum has served as president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, vice-president of the National Council of Jewish Women, and has been on the boards of the Jewish Community Centre, the Women's Division of UJA and the Jewish National Fund.

Newly elected co-chairpersons, Margie and Frank Goldhar bring with them over 40 years of fund raising experience. Mr. Goldhar has worked on such causes as the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and the Jewish National Fund. His wife's organizational and fund raising skills have aided the program of the United Jewish Appeal, Hadassah-WIZO, ORT and Mount Sinai Hospital.

ICRF, a coalition of physicians, scientists and laymen in the United States and Canada provides research grants for Israel cancer researchers at the post-doctoral level. Since its formation in 1876, ICRF has allocated more than $2 million for cancer research in Israel.

The Toronto Chapter, which was formed four years ago under the leadership of Sally and Harry Gallinger, recently opened an office at 491 Lawrence Avenue W. Until now, the

Pearl Greenbaum

group has operated without professional staff and without official headquarters. The phone number is (416) 783-9630.

A board of directors was formed at a recent organizational meeting attended by 50 people at the home of Wendy Litwack. Ron Appleby accepted the post of legal counsel.

A film depicting the work of ICRF-funded researchers in Israel was shown at the meeting and Dr. Aaron Malkin, director of the department of clinical biochemistry at Sunnybrook Medical Centre and a member of ICRF's Scientific Advisory Board, presented a summary of current trends in cancer research.

The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), made up of world-renowned cancer researchers, examines and evaluates applications for grants from young Israeli scientists and researchers "to insure that the maximum potential is achieved from every dollar allocated by the fund," according to ICRF officials.

Toronto members of the SAB are Dr. Michael A. Baker, director of the oncology program at Toronto General Hospital; Dr. Erwin W. Gelfand, chief of the division of immunology and professor of pediatrics at the Hospital for Sick Children; Dr. Malkin, head of the department of clinical biochemistry at Sunnybrook Hospital; Dr. Aser Rothstein, director of the research institute, Hospital for Sick Children, and Dr. Harry Schacter, head of the research division of biochemistry, Hospital for Sick Children.

Each year, two fellowships of $12,500 each have been sponsored by the local group. A more energetic program is planned in the future.

A Young Associates group has recently been formed.

New principal at Woodsworth

TORONTO —

Arthur M. Kruger will be installed Oct. 3 as the third principal of Woodsworth College, the University of Toronto's college for part time students.

The Toronto-born economist served as the college's first principal from 1974 to 1977.

He left to serve as dean of the university's faculty of arts and science and has now been reappointed.

Kruger is a graduate of the honors political science and economics program of the University of Toronto.

He did his post graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was awarded a PhD in 1959.

After a 2-year spell of teaching at the University of Pennsylvania, he returned to the department of political economy at U of T in 1961. Kruger was appointed a full professor of economics in 1969.

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Treblinka victims recalled at local memorial service

By CARRIE SCHIPPER

TORONTO —

"You, the second generation, were born in freedom. . . . You will have to defend the honor as we are now defending the sacred honor of our martyred parents. . . . We have high hopes for you."

That was the message Charles Kotkowsky of Montreal imparted to the gathering at the Bathurst Lawn Cemetery last week during an unusual memorial service for the victims of the Treblinka concentration camp.

About 100 members and friends of the Piotrkov, Tomashov, Belchatov and Vicinity Society in Toronto, which represents the survivors and family members from these three Polish towns, said kaddish and then buried the ashes of their relatives that Kotkowsky and his wife, Rose, had recently brought back after a trip to Poland.

"Our mission is very simple: commemorate our martyred parents and families who were also your families."

In a journey filled with emotion, Kotkowsky and his wife traveled back to his home town of Piotrkov and then on to Treblinka to obtain the ashes of Hitler's victims.

There were no objections from the Polish authorities. "The Poles were kind and understanding," said Kotkowsky.

According to society president Adam Belzycki, it was important to society members to honor their dead with a proper and dignified burial.

Also addressing the crowd was Prof. Paul Socken of the University of Waterloo. His father-in-law, Sam Ash, vice-president of the society, saw his parents perish in the Holocaust.

In a poignant speech, Socken paid tribute to the estimated 41,000 Jews from Piotrkov, Tomashov, and Belchatov who lost their lives under the Nazi regime.

"Hitler and his murderers may have succeeded in killing our beloved relatives and friends, but not in destroying them. . . . Our very presence here today testifies to the fact that the world's attempt to destroy us as a people has not succeeded and never will."

Cantor Yitzchok Weiss of Clanton Park Synagogue officiated at the ritual burial while Kotkowsky and Belzycki gently lowered the small box of ashes into the Canadian soil at the foot of the memorial stone.

Charles Kotkowsky, left, and Adam Belzycki inter ashes from Treblinka beneath a monument bearing names of the victims of the Holocaust. [Graphic Artists photo]

Lavy Becker honored for role helping Jews

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress has formally honored Lavy Becker for the leading role he played in the Joint Distribution Committee program in Europe in 1945.

In presenting a certificate commemorating this event, Aba Beer, chairman of the CJC National Holocaust Remembrance Committee, recalled the crucial role that the Joint Distribution Committee played for survivors of the camps and remains of Jewry in Europe in 1945. The presentation was made during a recent CJC national executive meeting.

In reply, Becker said that he felt that CJC was also honoring his family because "the year I spent aiding European Jews was one of the most fulfilling in my life. My family made me a gift of their time and understanding while I was away in Germany. I don't think I have been able to publicly thank them before."

Witnessing the commemoration were several members of the Becker family including his wife, children, and grandchildren. Becker stressed that the commitment he has made to Jewish life is one that is being shared and continued in his family from generation to generation.

He also added that the role that CJC played in the era immediately following World War II has rarely been appreciated and that the work he had done had enabled him to "live in such a way for one year that the experience has never left me for a moment in 39 years."

The inscription on the commemorative scroll reads: "Canadian Jewish Congress hereby records its gratitutde and homage to Lavy Becker for distinguished service in the physical and moral relief of the Jewish survivors of Nazi oppression in Germany in the immediate post-war period. His service will long be remembered by those he tendered as a great mitzvah."

Authors to read

TORONTO —

Howard Engel, Toronto author of four mystery novels featuring Jewish detective Benny Cooperman, will read from his books Oct. 4 at Forest Hill Library.

It's one of a series of readings saluting Toronto authors being conducted by the Toronto Public Library.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut will read from his works Nov. 22 at Forest Hill Library.

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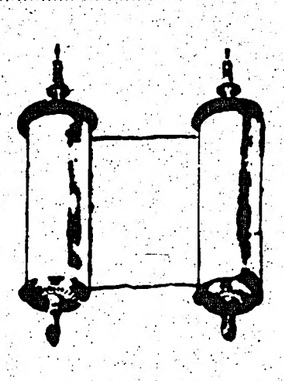

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Rosh Hashanah/ Shabbat Shuva/ Parshat Hazeenu.

How can we guarantee a good, blessed year 5745? Seek G-d, be happy with our lot — know that all is for the good.

Above all, during these days, we must love every Jew.

Reb Chaim of Volozhin approached his rebbe, the Vilna Goan, with a problem. It is written in the holy books that one of the qualities of the Al-mighty is that He is a "someach b'chelko" — satisfied with His lot.

How can such a concept apply to the Al-mighty, who owns everything in the universe?

Answered the Gaon: What is G-d's lot? The Jewish people. "Kee chailek Hashem amo — the portion of the L-rd is His people . . . G-d is satisfied with His 'lot,' with the Jewish people, whatever level they are. If Jews are holy, righteous — good! But if they've fallen, if there are less than tzadikim, they are **still** His people!"

No Jew shold be dissatisfied with another. We have to help, lift, love, care, share, and bring up each other — not find faults.

Be happy you are Jewish, that is prize enough!

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What type of year will it be? It will be a good year, no question! Because everything G-d does is good.

Taught the holy Baal Shem Tov: When a Jew sees that troubles, G-d forbid, come upon him, he should have in mind a father who wanted to frighten his child.

What did the father do? He dressed up in disguise, hiding himself, suddenly, the child began to cry: "Abba! Father!" Immediately the father took off his disguise and revealed himself — the pain and fear disappeared.

So also — explained the Baal Shem Tov — when suffering descends, it is simply G-d hiding his face. What we must do? If we call out "Abba! Father in Heaven," then He will reveal Himself, and turn justice into mercy.

Whatever we need, G-d can give.

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We must never forget that we are in His hands.

A certain man owed thousands of dollars, and had nothing to pay back with. He asked his friend, what should I do?

"Simple," answered his friend, "when they come to collect the debt, make yourself as though you are meshugah, and they'll leave you alone."

So he did. When his creditors came to collect, he started whistling and hooting and doing all sorts of strange things. They pitied him, and let himn go free.

A few days later, the debtor borrowed some money from the very same friend. When his friend came to collect, the debtor started acting like a meshugenen, whistling and clapping.

Said the friend: "With me you act like a meshugenen also? I'm the one who gave you the advice, and you use it back on me?"

So also, G-d gave us a beautiful blessing — forgetfulness! Our past suffering, our losses, our loved ones — the pain is forgotten. That is a blessing from G-d. But instead, what happens — Tzur yeladcha teshi! We forget G-d!

May we remember G-d, and may G-d remember us for every blessing, nachas and fulfilment in the world. Shabbat Shalom, Gemar Chatimah Tovah!

Request made to seniors

OTTAWA — As a follow up to action undertaken during the federal election campaign, Yhetta Gold, president of the National Advisory Council on Aging (NACA) has written to over 300 seniors' associations across Canada to encourge them to follow up on the election as soon as possible.

In her letter, Gold urges seniors and their associations to contact their newly-elected MPs prior to the next session of the House of Commons, which is expected to be convened in October.

In so doing, seniors should remind their MPs the Conservative promises on the subjects raised by NACA during the campaign, Gold says. These are: seniors' involvement in politics; the designation of resoruces for health; funding for better care; the adequacy of pensions; guaranteeing seniors' purchasing power; and housing options.

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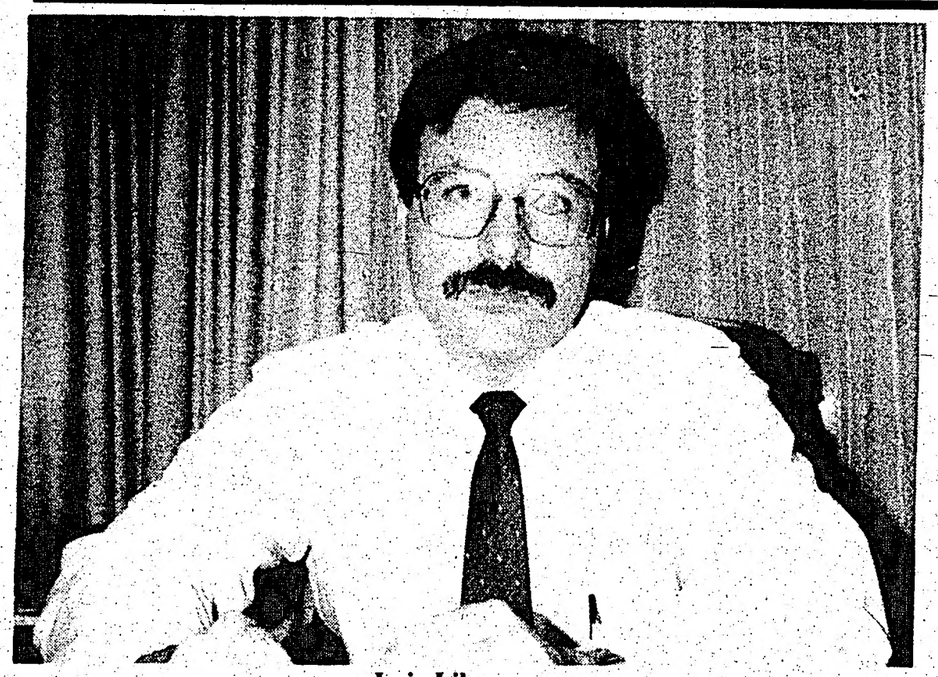

Luis Liberman

Jews in Costa Rica proud of tiny country

By
FRANK RASKY

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — The 2,500 Jews who live in San Jose, the small capital city of this tiny banana republic of 2.4 million Spanish-speaking people, like saying they're as close to one another as bananas on a stalk.

They also delight in saying that they're better off than any other Jews in Latin America.

They count the following blessings:

•Their postage-stamp-sized country, stuck between Nicaragua to the north and Panama to the south, is so peace-loving that it's Central America's only democracy that refuses to maintain a standing army.

•The president of this so-called "Switzerland of the Tropics," a former banana plantation labor organizer named Luis Alberto Mongue, is Israel's best friend. He was recently saluted by B'nai B'rith International for refusing to bow to demands by the Arab countries to remove Costa Rica's embassy from Jerusalem.

•The first lady of Costa Rica, his wife, Doris Yankelewitz Mongue, is a Jewish social worker from Brooklyn.

So it's little wonder that Luis Liberman, president of one of San Jose's leading banks, Banco Interfin, and president of its lively Jewish community centre, Centro Israelite, says he has yet to encounter anti-semitism.

He says the only evidence of overt prejudice occurred in the post-war 1940s when city-oriented Polish Jews — called "Polacos" in Spanish — began immigrating to this agricultural country.

Because they attained prominence in the liberal professions, industry and commerce, the newcomers were derided by some envious plantation workers who said, "The only farming done by these citified Polacos is the farming on Main Street."

But since then, says Liberman, all Jewish immigrants have integrated smoothly into this tolerant and liberal-minded country.

Liberman himelf reflects that adaptability. He's a 3rd-generation Costa Rican of 37 from a family of textile importers. He spent 11 years in the U.S. getting buisness degrees from the University of Illinois and University of California, and as deputy finance minister for the Costa Rican government, worked for three years as his country's representative at the World Bank in Washington.

Loses hair running bank

He founded his private commercial bank in San Jose in 1982, and, as he says, "We're now the fastest-growing bank here. We're so busy, I'm losing my hair in my job of running it."

But he doesn't mind devoting so much time to serving as leader of the Jewish community. "I'm proud of my Yiddishkeit," he says. "And I enjoy organizing its affairs."

He says the 420 families in the Jewish community are tightly knit. For the High Holy Days, members import a cantor from New York to conduct services at the Shaarai Tzion Synagogue, and they are currently in the process of hiring a rabbi.

During the rest of the year, the synagogue is a very active place. Friday night services are conducted entirely by the most scholarly of the 350 students who attend the Hebrew school, the Institute Chaim Weizmann. Two separate services are held each Saturday, and there are services each weekday morning.

"For the past 20 years, we also have a minyan for kaddish at 5 p.m. every day," he says. "But it's not held at the synagogue. For the benefit of Jewish merchants, it's held on the second storey of a downtown store.

"That gives you an idea of how frum some of our members are. It's like a small shtetl here, Eastern European style, deep in the tropics. One big difference is that our gefilte fish is very spicy."

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New medical centre designed for disabled

TORONTO —

Heralding it "a major breakthrough for the rights of the disabled," Mayor Art Eggleton last week dedicated a Cabbagetown medical centre which had been retrofitted to accommodate wheelchair users and other disabled persons.

Located at 597 Parliament St., the Donvale Medical Centre has served the community for 10 years, but was not initially designed to accommodate disabled persons. The retrofit of the centre included the installation of a custom elevator, special washrooms and many visual and tactile aids.

The decision to refurbish the centre was made by Allan Barkin, one of the owners of the building. He is also a successful builder who has lately been in the news for his pioneering work in the field of new bone construction for the disabled.

Barkin is said to be the first Toronto builder to offer in a conventional new home subdivision a single family model, custom designed for disabled persons. This home is available at his Castlefields community in Brampton.

As Barkin explains it, his decision to convert the Donvale Medical Centre to a barrier free building was not made solely out of the sense of social responsibility.

"Of course, it was a major factor," says Barkin. "I'm a firm believer in equality regardless of a person's physical handicaps. Equally important, however, is the economic issue. Nowadays, nobody spends over $100,000 without some clear economic justification. My feeling is that retrofitting Donvale makes sound business sense and I'm sure it will pay off."

Other family members who are also part owners of the Donvale Medical Centre includes Dr. Martin Barkin, president of Sunnybrook Medical Centre; Leonard Barkin, senior partner of Touche Ross & Co.; Harry and Jack Barkin, founders of Ontario Hosiery Manufacturing Company Ltd., an old established company which successfully developed considerable real estate in southern Ontario.

Meet a big hit

TORONTO —

The annual conference of the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE) held recently at Stanford University, in California "was a celebration of Jewish education and a reaffirmation of Jewish teachers," says one Canadian participant.

"It was a very rejuvenating kind of experience as...Jewish educators came to study Jewish education," said Joy Wasserman, Canadian representative to the conference.

Wasserman, director of education at Solel Congregation, attended the 9th annual conference last month with Rabbi Larry Englander, spiritual leader of the Mississauga congregation.

Computers newest addition

The conference opened with a Shabbat program which included religious services for each of the three Jewish ideologies.

One of the newest additions to this year's conference was a bank of 35 computers which provided educators with opportunities for hands-on-learning.

"It's important that Jewish educators become literate in computers," Wasserman said.

The conference also provided educators with the opportunity to attend a variety of sessions dealing with various aspects of Jewish education.

Wasserman said she attended one session dealing with second language acquisition and Hebrew language training.

"It helped me understand the process which goes on in learning a second language," she said.

Another session she attended dealt with supervising staff and family education. She said the sessions were "interesting and informative."

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Berlin Olympic Games recalled

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

WINDSOR, Ont. — Two years ago, on his 70th birthday, Irving "Toots" Meretsky received an Olympic silver medal for men's basketball.

An avid golfer who works out regularly on an exercise machine, Toots could knock 20 years off his age and make you believe him.

But at just a shade under 6 feet, you know that in this era of 7-foot giants he couldn't have won a basketball medal in 1982. And besides, it wasn't an Olympic year.

So what happened?

Sitting in his comfortable apartment, watching the sailboats play in the Detroit River breeze, Toots' eyes sparkle as he takes you back almost 50 years to the real Olympic ceremony, when he and his 13 teammates stood at attention as the only medals Canada has ever won in men's basketball were placed around their necks.

(They were runners-up to the U.S. team).

"There was a flow of blood that entered the top of your head — that sent shivers through your body," he recalls.

Eight silver medals — and his face breaks into a grin as he remembers what happened next.

"They ran out of silver — so they gave the rest of us bronze!

"The die was supposed to be shipped to Canada — but I was told that it was stolen or lost."

The unlucky six never did get their silver medals, nor did they get an official explanation.

"But," sighs Toots, "if you knew the Canadian Olympic Committee in those days — they didn't have very much money, and they probably forgot all about it. We raised a lot of Cain, but years go by, and then you forget all about it too."

How did the officials decide who got the silver ones? "Probably the players who talked the most!"

The story has a happy ending — his three children, Lynn, Ross and Warren, located a sample of the medal, got the pattern, and had one made up for him. They presented it at his 70th birthday party in Fort Lauderdale where Toots, a retired furniture store owner, spends his winters.

"I'll never forget it," he says.

There is a darker side to this story.

The Olympic Games in which Toots won his medal were those of the XI Olympiad — the infamous 1936 Berlin games. He and Julius Goldman, an American citizen from Detroit who acted as unofficial coach, were the only Jews with the Canadian team.

Was he apprehensive? "I was nervous," he says, "but we had been warned to go everywhere in groups. I figured I'd be in close touch with the fellows. Listen . . . I was invited to go there — I went!"

For the team, originally the Ford Motor Company's basketball team, it was a tremendous honor.

Irving "Toots" Meretsky displays his certificates from the Berlin Olympics and the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame. [Windsor Star photo]

They became the country's Olympic representatives after winning the Canadian championship.

But money was tight, and if Ford had not come up with a $10,000 grant, they couldn't have gone. As it was, following a 4-day boat crossing of the Atlantic during which they couldn't work out, they spent 18 hours in cramped train compartments, sleeping on their suitcases, before arriving in Berlin.

Different salutes

Toots will never forget the stadium. "It was the most beautiful one I ever saw — so many new ideas. For example, the photographers and newsmen would rise from elevators right on the field of competition."

Nor can he forget the streets. "Berlin had soldiers by the thousands — and children in uniform, distributing literature to everyone coming off buses and trains, with a Nazi salute."

And what did the Canadians do when they had to salute Hitler during the opening ceremonies?

"We all gave a different salute — some with arms, some with fingers pointed to the nose. As I recall, our fellows shook their fists in the air as if to say "you son of a bitch!"

Toots was only 24. "In 1936, I thought only about the Olympic Games. I knew, I had read that Hitler had got rid of many Jews om the shetls (villages), but in the cities..."

His voice trails off, then comes back sharply. "I hated him before 1936 — and I hated him more after 1936."

On the train to Berlin, Toots had met a Jewish traveling salesman. "He was scared as hell, and he didn't know what was going to happen."

Once in Berlin, Toots followed instructions and never went out alone or at night. He did visit Jewish merchants.

"They told me what they were up against. They were short of merchandise, but if I needed something, they would get it for me in a few days."

He also visited the Jewish district, including a street called Yid Street. "I had to carry out a mission. I carried American silver to a family, in company with a Gentile boy from Detroit, who came with our team as a referee.

"When we got to the house, all the curtains were drawn. I knocked many times. Finally someone came to the door and opened it. I told them who I was and who sent me, and they immediately let me come in and right away offered me tea and cake.

"I didn't stay too long — I completed my mission and left."

Even today, he won't give their names — or even the name of the Detroit family. His face closes up. "I don't know what happened to them."

At the time, he had no sense of danger. But now he realizes that "they could have picked me up, tossed me in jail, and thrown away the key." So far as he knows, the Canadian government gave him no special protection.

Toots and his teammates finally received official recognition for their achievement. In 1975, they were given a merit award at the University of Waterloo during Canadian national college playoffs.

And in June 1981, the Canadian Basketball Association appointed them to the Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Ottawa.

"We get invitations to various events — but we always have to pay our own way," he laughs.

Toots has a very special memento of those days in Berlin. It is the official history of the XI Olympiad, published by the German organizing committee with photography and editing by Hitler's girl friend — the brilliant, decadent filmmaker Leni Reifenstall.

All the book cost was a few packages of cigarettes — but cigarettes were gold when it was bought by a friend of Toots' — a Windsor boy in a German POW camp.

The book — the measure of a friend's affection. The silver medal — the measure of his children's pride and love. That's the kind of recognition Olympic champion Toots Meretsky prizes.

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Broadens horizons

Artist compromises obsession

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

It is difficult at any time to be a young artist searching for fame and fortune — particularly during a recession.

Jerry Shiner is one young artist who is solving the dilemma of pursuing his interest in art while supporting himself and his family.

Tenaciously clinging to his art, Shiner looked for art-related ways of making a living. The 35-year-old, bearded artist developed other areas of expertise which he has learned to love — printmaking and publishing.

In his high-ceilinged studio-gallery at 50 Bleecker St., in the Carlton and Sherbourne area, the quiet-spoken artist has established The Art Printer.

On the stark white walls, there are many framed prints and serigraphs that reflect the skill of an artist-craftsman. There are some of Shiner's original serigraphs (a fine art screen process print) along with prints by other artists which have been silk-screened by Shiner.

"Art is an obsession with me," says Shiner, "or I'd be doing something more lucrative. My family is my priority . . . and in printmaking, publishing and photography, I've found a compromise."

Shiner explained that by working as a master printer he is able to exercise his ability as an artist, "but I can never go full bore."

He adds that he can now select the artists he wishes to print and publish, and this has given him increasing satisfaction in his latest projects.

Shiner never thought of himself as an artist in his youth. He began producing art while attending York University in the film-making department.

Jerry Shiner, right, working with artist Harold Klunder on a print called Toronto Island--part of the City Seen portfolio for sesquicentennial.

After leaving York, he operated the Toronto Gallery of Photography for two years while he worked as a photographer.

Today, he wears several artistic hats. He continues to produce his own original prints, which are sold by art consultants such as Carole Tanenbaum of Pendi Fine Art, and others. His prints are bright, colorful and uptempo. They sell from $200 and up, and recently Shiner opened his studio for private showings.

"Most of my sales are to young professionals for their homes and offices," says Shiner, "and many go into corporate offices."

And as a specialty printer and publisher, Shiner works closely with selected artists and together they produce exceptional pieces of art. "I've helped the artists grow and express themselves through a combination of art and printing — and now I have many of these art pieces for sale in my studio."

Shiner emphasizes that these prints are not reproductions but originals, created by an artist with the help of a master printer.

Shiner has worked with many of Canada's major artists, including notables like Ron Bolt, Rita Letendre and Michael Snow.

One of the examples of the success of the union of artist, master printer and publisher is Shiner's recent publication of a portfolio of Canadian art in honor of Toronto's 150 birthday endorsed by the Toronto Sesquicentennial Board.

Called Toronto: City Seen, the portfolio of six of Canada's major visual artists is a limited edition of 30 portfolios and sells for $2,100. Shiner says they have sold very well, and there are only a few portfolios left.

Shiner is the son of Saul and North York Controller Esther Shiner, and he is very proud of it. He often refers to his family, particularly his "three beautiful daughters."

During the interview in his studio, Shiner frequently stopped to play with his oldest daughter, Dagmar, 5, who was visiting her daddy for the afternoon.

For further information, call Jerry Shiner at 920-2842.

Nash hosts CBC toast to extraordinary Toronto

TORONTO —

Knowlton Nash, anchor for CBC-TV's The National, was born and bred in Toronto and he's proud of it. As a tribute to the city and to celebrate its 150th anniversary Knowlton hosts A Toast to Toronto, Oct. 4 at 9 p.m. on CBC.

A This Land special, it shows Canadians there's much more to Toronto than Bay St., the CN Tower and Highway 401.

The largest city in Canada has places rarely seen by tourists and the rest of Canada, that could be a million miles away from the bustle of a big metropolis.

"It's an extraordinary city with a combination of sophistication and wilderness," says Knowlton. "There are so many parks, ravines and beaches . . . places which reflect that other side of Toronto, the country in the city."

The advances of the 20th century have changed the face of Toronto. Renovated warehouses, an antique market, cafes and dozens of sailboats have replaced much of the evidence of industry that used to dominate the waterfront.

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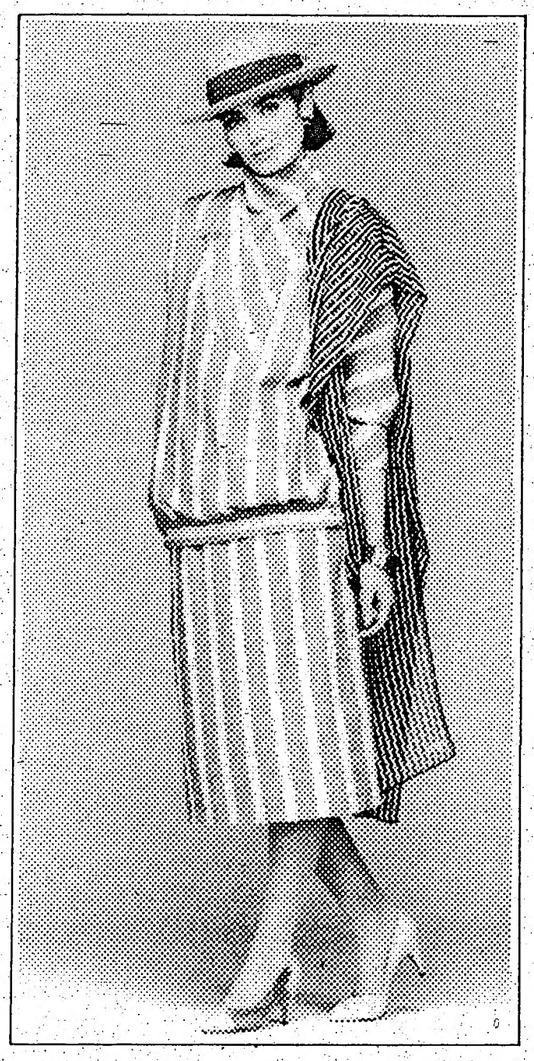

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Arts

Plenty of mordant satire

Revue's belly laughs make up for frothy material

David Nairn, left, Todd Postlethwaite and Gerry Salsberg clown it up as banana republic dictators.

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — **Let's get one thing straight right at the top.**

There's only one sketch dealing with Canada in the musical revue titled What's A Nice Country Still Doing In A State Like This? now playing at the Basin Street Cabaret at 180 Queen St. W.

That one is a very funny sketch, done in the style of Tevye in Fiddler On The Roof, mocking a bewildered Liberal following the recent Canadian elections.

The other 36 sketches and songs all deal with the U.S., and they tend to be light and frothy as a vanilla ice cream soda, with only a few spiced up with genuine wit.

Still, those few numbers packed enough mordant satire to compensate for the other bland skits and gave this reviewer about a dozen belly laughs, which is a pretty high rating as humor goes these days.

My favorite sidesplitters:

• A song pretending to serenade the tourism delights of Johannesberg, including the two lines,

Bubbly, engaging show

"Jim Crow here is just dandy/They're still showing reruns of Amos And Andy."

• Another song spoof in which Uncle Sam tries to placate a battling Jew and Arab, with the Gilbert and Sullivanesque ditty: "If you promise not to fight, I'll promise to pay/If you promise not to proceed, then I'll sell you all the guns you need."

• A lament by a New York mugger, rationalizing his difficult profession with the excuse: "What else could I do/ With a Bachelor of Arts degree?"

• A hilarious lampoon directed at the U.S. involvement in Central America, with three dictators sounding off in the victory song, Carlos, Juan & Miguel.

The New York songwriting team of Ira Gasman and Cary Hoffman are pleasantly slick sophisticated in the ballads they've put together and New York director Miriam Fond puts the cast through their paces briskly and competently.

The five Canadian performers are uniformly likeable and gifted, with Toronto's Gerry Salsberg clowning about in top-rate form, and Janelle Hutchison, Peggy Mahon, David Nairn and Todd Postlethwaite also pleasing the crowd with their funny business.

Although it lacks Canadian bite, it's a bubbly, engaging show that will probably beguile Torontonians for the next year.

For ticket information, phone 598-3013.

Ballet gets own week

TORONTO — Mayor Art Eggleton has officially declared the week of Nov. 19-25, "National Ballet School Week" to commemorate the school's 25th anniversary.

During that week the school will open its doors for public tours and demonstrations; have a reunion party for former students and staff and hold a lunchtime panel discussion entitled "Reminiscences" at which internationally known dance figures will speak about their training and professional development.

Participants will include National Ballet of Canada artistic director Erik Bruhn; Dutch National Ballet artistic director Rudi van Dantzig; American choreographer Glen Tetley; incoming artistic director of the Zurich Ballet Uwe Scholtz; and Spanish dancer Susana.

All anniversary events require advance registration or tickets which can be obtained from The Celebration Office: (416) 964-3780 or 964-7360. Former students and staff who have not received information about the reunion should also contact the office.

The highlight of National Ballet School Week will be the Celebration Performancy on Nov. 21 in the O'Keefe Centre. Graduates of the school, now dancing in major companies in Canada and abroad, will be participating in an evening of classical excerpts and specially created new works.

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By VIVIENNE MUHLING 481–6434

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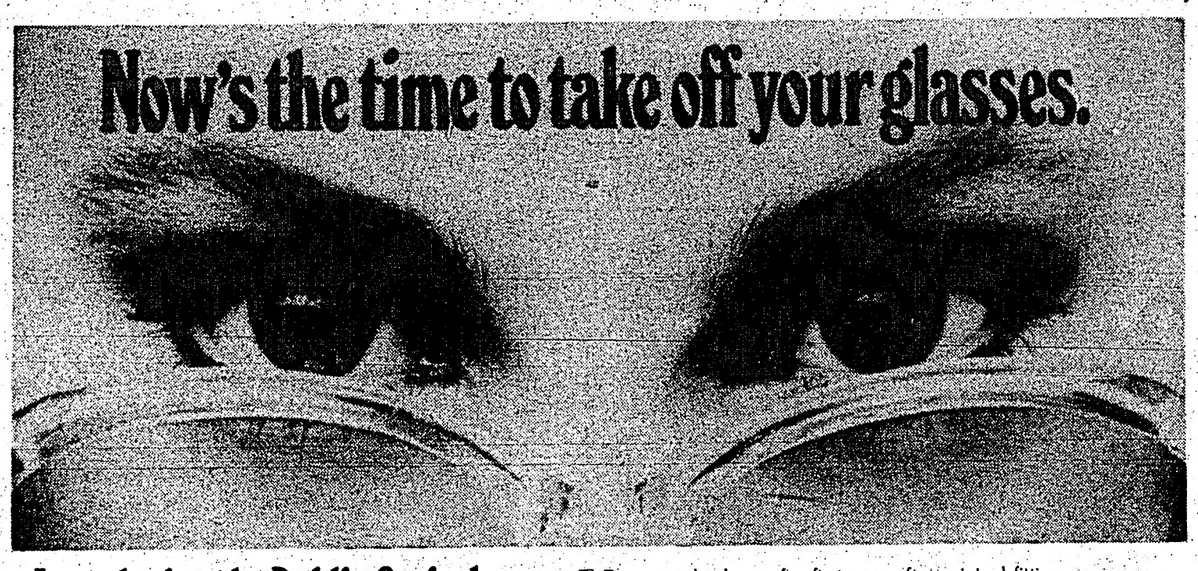

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New division established

Christie's has a winner in first Judaica auction

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —
At its first auction devoted entirely to Judaica, Christie's of New York realized a total of almost half a million dollars.

A prime mover in organizing this sale, which packed the company's Park Ave. premises on June 26, attracting an international gathering of private collectors, dealers and museum representatives, was London-born Joy Schonberg.

The Judaica department is another first for Christie's. Schonberg, who holds degrees in Archeology and Ancient Jewish art from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and has worked as a curator both in Jerusalem's Israel Museum and at Yeshiva University of New York, approached Christie's about a year ago to inquire about a Judaica section. She discovered that there was no such specific department in the company.

Wanting a wider scope, "I felt I could do something more creative," she had written to every Jewish art institute in the New York area, as well as to established auctioneers, and was most encouraged by Christie's, who invited her to set up this new division.

The company is based in London, but New York City has become a very busy centre. Auction rooms are also maintained in Rome, Geneva, Amsterdam and Glasgow, and offices throughout Europe, in North America and Australia.

Still in her 20s, Schonberg brings lively enthusiasm plus real professionalism to her field. She is a "now" person with an extraordinary understanding of the past.

Following the success of her first auction with Christie's, she is planning another for Dec. 11 in New York.

In Toronto recently to appraise and discuss Judaica to be taken on consignment and offered at the December auction, she spoke with pride about the June event. She had prepared a handsome catalogue featuring rare ceremonial items, silver, textiles and paintings, and was excited to see that frequently the bidding brought top prices.

A silver Sabbath hanging lamp, one of only three recorded 18th century Dutch examples, was sold for $41,000. An Israeli museum purchased a Galician silver tree-of-life Chanukah candelabrum for $22,000 and a German parcel-gift silver breast plate for $7,150. A British collector paid $20,900 for a continental silver-gift pidyan haben (redemption) plate and $19,800 for an early Augsburg silver etrog box.

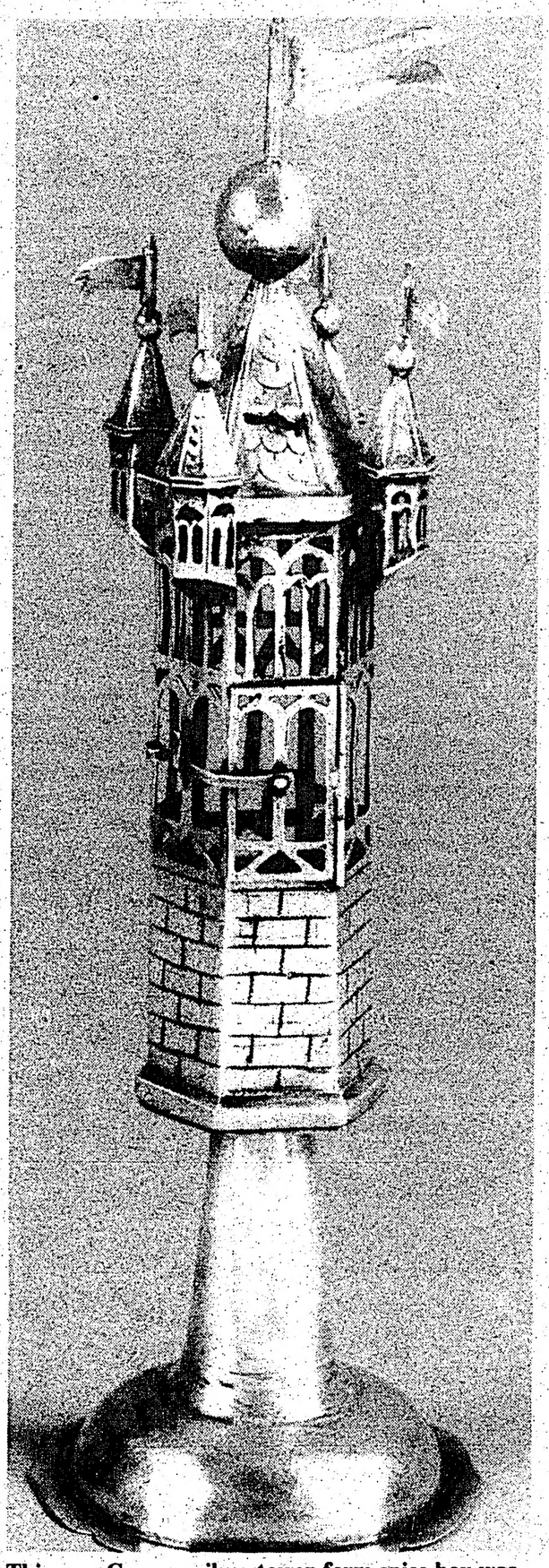
An Italian ketubah (marriage contract), one of the earliest ever offered at auction, brought $16,500, and a German illuminated megillat Esther (scroll of Esther) went for $9,350.

The success of this sale, Schonberg pointed out, is evidence of a dynamic market for fine Judaica.

"Really . . . all Jews are buying," she says, "chassidim, young people who are not necessarily religious but just want to feel close to something Jewish, collectors, museums.

She found the response from consigners in Toronto especially gratifying as she went from place to place evaluating and bringing in paintings, menorahs, books. (Evaluations are free.)

Anyone wanting details may contact either Christie's Toronto office, (416) 960-2063, or Joy Schonberg, c/o Christie's, Manson & Woods International Inc., 502 Park Ave., New York, NY 10022-1199, phone (212) 546-1000.



This rare German silver tower-form spice box was offered at Christie's first auction devoted entirely to Judaica, in New York City recently.

Boy's odyssey a moving tale

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Books of general interest . . .

Nam, a 10-year-Vietnamese boy, was the sole survivor of a tragedy in the South China Sea. In September of 1979, the rotting hulk he and several hundred refugees were on was shipwrecked after being attacked by pirates.

His sister and cousin were among the victims.

Rescued by a fisherman, Nam was taken to Macao, where he was sheltered by Jesuit missionaries. Soon afterward, Leo Heaps, a Toronto writer, met Nam. Impressed with him, he succeeded in having Nam flown to Canada. Heaps' daughter, Naomi, eventually adopted him.

The story of Nam's odyssey is told in spare, heartfelt prose by Heaps in A Boy Called Nam (Macmillan, $14.95). This is an inspirational tale that children and adults alike can read with mounting pleasure.

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Clifton Daniel worked his way up the greasy pole to become managing editor of The New York Times. Before reaching these heights, he was a foreign correspondent, and one of his beats was Palestine.

In a crowded career, Daniel met many a personality, including David Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir, and he was usually taken by the illustrious people he encountered.

His memoirs, **Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $25.50)**, resound to the activities and conversations of his interlocutors. Invariably, Daniel's pen portraits are amusing.

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Peter Worthington, the former editor-in-chief of The Toronto Sun, serves a reader far better than Daniel.

Looking for Trouble (Key Porter Books, $24.95), his reminiscences, is, by and large, pointed and without many pretentions. Indeed, the book is at times exuberantly entertaining.

Worthington writes of his adventures as a "firefighter" on the old Toronto Telegram, of his fascinating experience in the Soviet Union, of his involvement in the start-up of the Sun and of his wade into national politics (he was defeated as a Progressive Conservative candidate in the 1984 election.)

Looking for Trouble is a good read.

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Arts

Five years in the making

Eban explores Jewish mysteries in TV mini-series

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Heritage: Civilization and and the Jews, by Abba Eban. International, $39.95.

Starting on Oct. 1, 350 Public TV stations across North America will offer a 9-part series on Jewish history — its relationship to other religious traditions and the development of secular Western civilization.

This chronicle of over 4,000 years of events, personalities, thought and culture has been five years in the making at a cost of $10 million and has been filmed in more than 18 nations on four continents. Each of the segments — in color and 60 minutes in length — will feature as narrator Abba Eban, renowned statesman, diplomat, writer and scholar.

The book under review is the basic text from which most of the material for the TV series has been selected. It is a handsome, richly illustrated volume gracefully and authoritatively written by a knowledgeable student of Jewish history.

Arranged chronologically in 12 segments, the material begins with the biblical period, encompasses the Jewish encounter with Greece and Rome, moves on to the rise of Christianity and the emergence of Islam, describes the dramatic shift of Jewish population from the Near East to Europe and discusses the search for deliverance from European ghettoization.

Later chapters deal with the age of Emancipation, the period of mass migration to the New World, the horrors of the Nazi era and the birth of Israel and its meaning for the world.

Evaluating a singular and unparalleled age, the author suggests that there are four mysteries inherent in Jewish history. The first of these is the mystery of preservation. How did this people manage to preserve its identity through the long ages, without a country or political institutions.

Jews are the oldest living people in the Western world with a continuous, unbroken history. None of the nations contemporary with Israel in the biblical world have survived.

Secondly, there is the mystery of resonance. How could so few people have so profound an effect on the world's religion, philosophy, science, art, morality and political systems? The Jewish contribution has profoundly enriched the cultural reservoir of humanity. Their achievement violated all the rules of history established by the British historian Arnold Toynbee. No wonder he became exasperated and called the Jews "a fossilized remnant of Syrian society." Surely they are the liveliest fossil on record!

Thirdly, there is the mystery of suffering. How is one to measure or evaluate the centuries-long anguish and pain of this people? They have been the victims of an unending series of persecutions, expulsions, expropriations and massacres. In our century the Jewish people underwent the most horrible attempt at mass murder in history.

To be sure the catalogue of human savagery in the 20th century is long and continues to grow. But a new word, "genocide," the murder of an entire people, had to be created for the Nazi campaign to annihilate the Jewish people.

Finally, there is the mystery of renewal. How could this sorely-tried group take a language, a land, and men and women from all corners of the earth, and bring them back together in a miracle of rebirth and resurrection?

No other people, uprooted from its native soil for centuries and scattered throughout the world, has ever reestablished its national existence in its ancestral homeland.

"This is the story of a small people with a large place in the destiny of mankind." Abba Eban has told the story well.

"McDonald's of art world"

Posters Plus pushes prices

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

To put it mildly, it's an understatement to state that Avron is very much addicted to overstatement.

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His full name is Avron Shore. But the brown-bearded and eloquent retailer is so self-confident that he is given to making pronouncements about himself in the third person, assuming automatically that everyone has heard of the selling powers of the magnificent Avron.

And, indeed, he has the gift of chatter in spades.

Last week, at the opening of his newest Posters Plus shop at 83 Yorkville Ave. (977-6606 and 964-6009), he coined several catchy sales slogans without even pausing to catch his breath.

"I know nothing about art, but I do know the most important name in the art world," he told a CJN reporter, "You know what that is?

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Avron Shore

Posters Plus stores Shore has opened within the past two months. His other two shops are located in the Atrium on Bay across from the Eaton Centre and Hydro Place at University and College. And by Christmas he plans on opening a fourth Poster Plus in the Queen St. area.

Shore claims, correctly, that many of the unframed art posters are sold elsewhere for as much as $30. His stock includes such big-name artists as Jack Bush, John Lim, Christopher Pratt, Ian Leventhal, Neville Smith and Raffi Rondel.

How is it that a man who doesn't pretend to know anything about art got into the art business? Shore confesses wryly, "It was purely by accident."

Heaven knows, he's been in and out of a lot of other businesses, and, according to Shore, made oodles of money as a hotshot salesman.

The son of Morris and Goldie Shore, who built up the Model Laundry in Mimico, he's a graduate of Vaughan Road Collegiate and advertising courses at the University of California in Los Angeles.

He claims to have grossed millions by opening up Dayllen Drugstores in the U.S. and Britain, syndicating shopping malls as a real estate broker in California and Arizona, and selling hairpieces in Canada as the owner of Wig Marts International.

Since 1975, he says he's done handsomely "living off other people's tzores in the bankruptcy business" as owner of Toronto-based Jet Lag Holdings.

Shore did a little cringing himself when he was left holding the bag, so to speak, in a bankruptcy case — a bag of more than $60,000 worth of art posters.

"So I was forced into the art business," he says. "I had no other recourse than to open up a store and sell my posters."

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Nicoll headlines variety show

Top Yiddish actress sings songs from bygone era

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By RICK KARDONNE

Fay Nicoll, one of New York's top two Yiddish actresses, headlines a large-cast variety show at the Minkler Auditorium Oct. 27-28: Lomir Lachn Lomir Zingen.

Born in Poland, and raised in Europe and the U.S., Fay Nicoll has been a pillar of the New York-based Diaspora Yiddish musical-theatrical scene.

Attractive, vivacious and knowledgeable on the subject of Yiddish and Israeli music, Fay, besides appearing in many Broadway stage shows and traveling productions, is a prolific recording artist who has become the contemporary Yiddish-variety standard bearer of our time.

She has performed in partnership with the other top Yiddish actress of today, Mary Soreanu, as well as with the late Ben Bonus and many other famous theatrical personalities.

A highlight of her Minkler appearance will be Sunflower, a highly informative flashback life of a Second Ave. Yiddish actress, featuring authentic renditions of the biggest hits of the golden bygone era of flourishing Yiddish musical theatre on that thoroughfare in what is now New York's East Village.

Also included will be a hilarious Yiddish Toreador in a spoof on Carmen, a chassidic potpourri and a selection of beloved Yiddish folksongs.

For further information call 630-8281.

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Space does not permit, within this column, a sufficiently comprehensive tribute to the late Sam Shopsowitz, who did much to integrate Toronto into the larger international first-run showbiz network.

Let it be said here, however, that his example of maintaining here the tradition of an international cosmopolitanism should be emulated among younger generations.

Let it also never be forgotten that Sam Shopsowitz originally brought Second City here from Chicago, even though he had nothing to do with the present Toronto-based Second City production organization.

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Also maintaining the tradition of an international entertainment cosmopolitanism was the late Benny Louis, whose death Sept. 16 marked the end of another of this continent's big band legends. While his original tunes did not approach the stature of those of the Dorsey brothers, Harry James or Glenn Miller, in every other criterion in terms of musicianship, band leadership, orchestration ability and popular longevity, Benny Louis was their equal.

As leader of the Casa Loma band and many other big ensembles throughout the 1940s and 1950s, pianist Benny Louis did much to ensure a high level of musical activity which made Toronto a major jazz centre at that time.

All the latest styles happening elsewhere were incorporated into the styles of Louis' bands, in a manner which made these styles accessible to all.

There is little doubt that, like Benny Goodman, Louis' Jewish background created an underlying improvisational fluidity which made his jazz interpretations more natural.

Benny Louis continued to work as a musician up until a stroke incapacitated him four years ago.

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A new composition by Israeli composer Gabriel Iranyi will be the opening selection of the World Music Days concert at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Harbourfront Premiere Dance Theatre. Works by Mario Davidowsky and John Cage will also be included.

The Iranyi piece made it to the finals of a rigorous worldwide selection process under the auspices of World Music Days, which is the annual flagship convention displaying the latest contemporary serious music. This year, for the first time, Toronto and Montreal are hosting it.

The Iranyi composition, which utilizes some of the most modern electronic music techniques, will be reviewed in a forthcoming edition of this column.

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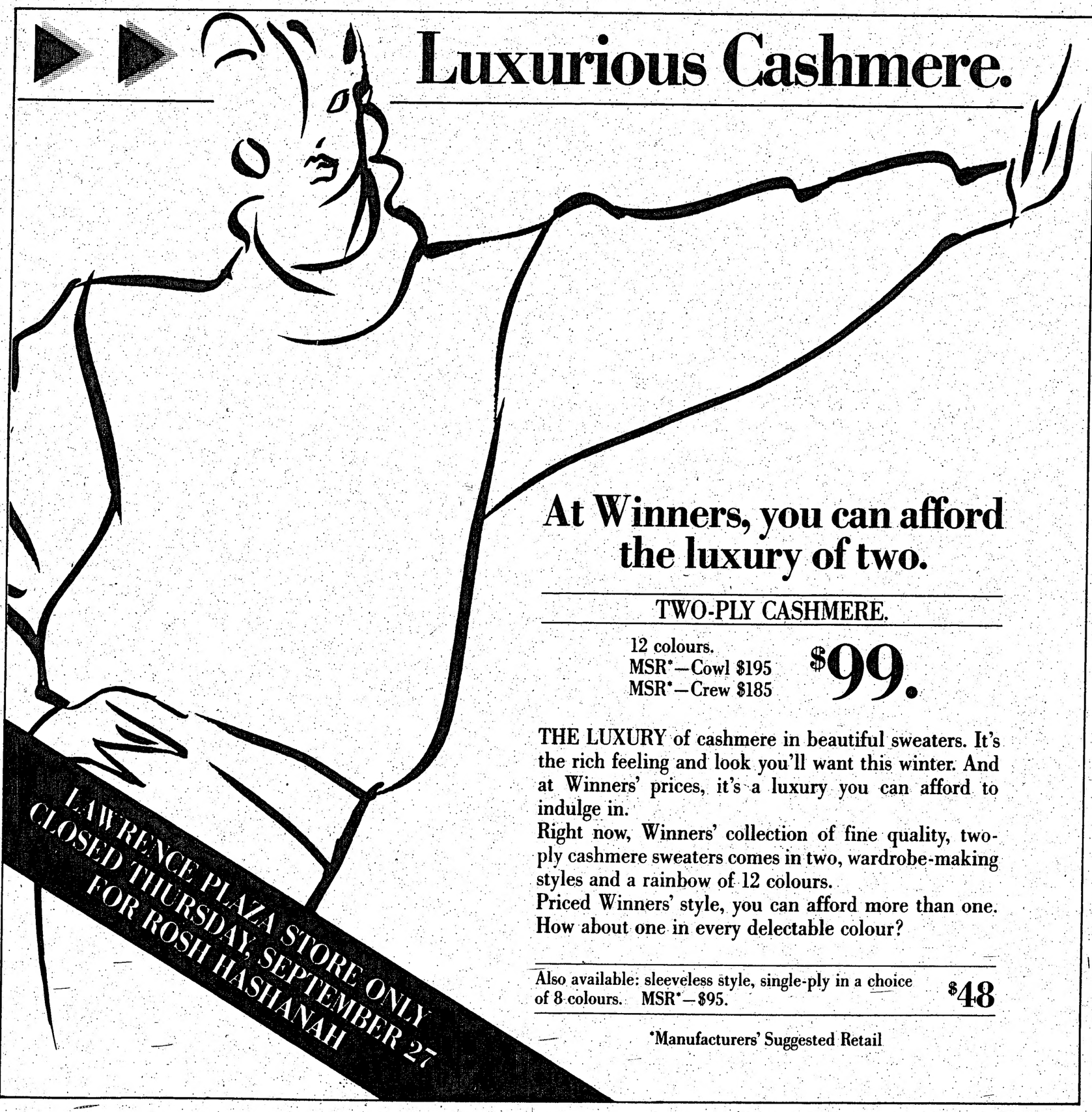

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Travel

Airline slowly expands

Deregulation gives US Air a chance to grow

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

TORONTO — Since airline deregulation — a decrease in United States government regulation of airline fares, schedules and other factors—began six years ago, some small airlines have expanded their services. US Air, which used to be known as Allegheny Airlines operating regionally in northeastern United States, has since 1978 slowly expanded till now it can serve over 90 United States cities and 27 states out of Toronto and Montreal.

Early in September Carle Chadillon was appointed sales manager for Canada with office at Toronto.

When airline deregulation began in 1978 this airline serving mainly New York, New England and Great Lakes states was sixth largest in the United States. With deregulation, the decision was made to expand slowly and change the name from the regional Allegheny to US Air.

First expansion in 1978 was to Florida and Texas, with service to both east and west coasts of Florida to tap the big winter traffic from northern United States, Ontario and Quebec. Also, the airline

Now has an all-jet fleet

dropped some of its early airplanes, resulting in an all-jet fleet, which today numbers about 130 aircraft.

The following year the states of Alabama, Louisiana, North Carolina and Arizona were added, bringing Western flights to Phoenix and Tucson. In 1980 San Antonio, Texas, was added, and the next year Kansas City in the Midwest, and Florida destination, Fort Lauderdale.

In 1982 there was another Western extension to Denver, Colorado, and last year California brought the west coast to the route map with the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego.

To reach smaller cities where big jet aircraft would be uneconomical to operate, the company operates Allegheny Commuter services, an organization of independent airline operators approved by the United States Civil Aeronautics Board to link intermediate-sized cities to major terminal points with frequent flights at prime time. Such commuter flights are mainly used by business people, but are also tourist-oriented, as this travel reporter has found in recent years.

US Air began operations in 1939 as a mail carrier, and in 1949 as All American Airways began passenger services. It started its commuter service in 1967, and the next few years expanded through mergers with small airlines in the Great Lakes area.

Operates private lounges

Like all major U.S. airlines it now operates private club lounges at a number of major airports, where business people can spend time between flights, use secretarial, telephone and if need be small banking facilities. These private lounges, for which annual memberships can be obtained, have available beverages, snacks, daily papers and the latest business magazines.

The careful growth of this airline is of special interest to Canadian travelers, now that airline deregulation is beginning in Canada.

Satisfies all tastes

Manhattan museum wows those who enter

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

NEW YORK --

It may be the greatest show in town.

New York has its share of wonders that can dazzle a visitor, but the American Museum of Natural History is extraordinary even by the exalted standards of this city.

Founded in the 19th century, the museum satisfies virtually all tastes.

Do you want to trace the rise of the human species? Are you interested in the origin of writing?

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The recurrent theme in the Peoples of Asia pavilion is how man exploited his natural world to promote economic development, social organization and ideas, and beliefs.

Stone artifacts four million years old and quill Torah pens from ancient times show how man has advanced. A chart on the world's language groups demonstrates his ability to learn how to communicate.

Exhibits on the structure of Japanese society and the life cycle of a Chinese are instructive, while a display on Jews, while perhaps rather conventional to a Jewish visitor, is probably enlightening to a Gentile.

Scale models of commercial cities like Ur, Alexandria, Peking, Isfahan and Calcutta are not only esthetically striking, but educational as well.

Walk further along and you come to the extinct dinosaurs, the largest animals ever to tread on the face of the earth.

In the Akeley Memorial Hall of African Mammals, you can measure yourself against a herd of Indian elephants, or study the predatory habits of a leopard or a wild dog.

You can pass through the four seasons in another part of the museum, or observe oceanic birds elsewhere.

Amble down to the halls on gems and minerals, and be astounded by the Star of India sapphire, or the Ahnighito, the 68,000 ton meteor which fell on Greenland some 10,000 years ago.

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Morocco joins other countries in World Showcase

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla.—

The Worldfest is on.

Epcot Center's celebration of man's cultural diversity, revolving aound the 10-nation World Showcase, was kicked off recently with the opening of the Moroccan pavilion. Epcot is part of Walt Disney World.

Morocco, the first new nation in World Showcase since the inauguration of Epcot two years ago, joins Canada, Germany, Italy, Britain, France, Japan, Mexico, China and the U.S. at the 260-acre playground cum-educational centre.

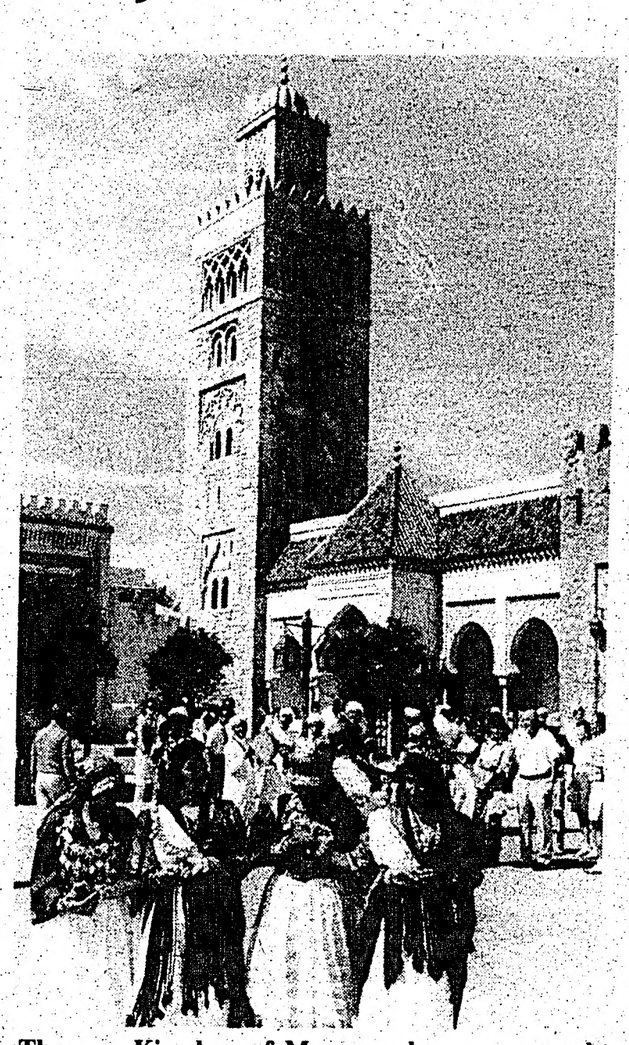
WorldFest, which focuses on one country for a full month, runs through to the summer of 1985.

Framed by the Koutoubia Minaret, a detailed replica of Marrakesh's renowned prayer tower, Morocco's pavilion is an apt microcosm of a fascinating Islamic land.

You can wander into a casbah, past a gurgling fountain in a rectangular courtyard guarded by mounted horsemen with swords, and find yourself in a variety of handicraft shops.

Walking under arches, you can amble over to the Marrakesh, a restaurant specializing in such Moroccan fare as couscous (chicken or lamb under a bed of cooked coarse wheat) and tajine djaj belamed (stewed chicken in preserved lemons and olives).

Next to a narrow passageway, you can watch craftsmen and folk dancers in colorful costumes, or listen to singers and musicians.



The new Kingdom of Morocco showcase opened recently at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center. A group of M'Egouna Kelaat dancers provides entertainment at the opening.

It's easy, under a hot Florida sun, to be seduced into thinking that you're in Morocco — home of the Arab world's largest Jewish community.

Indeed, Morocco's pavilion whets your appetite for forthcoming WorldFest events.

Germany, Italy and Britain are featured in October, November and December, respectively. In January, WorldFest continues with China. Canada, with its ornate French chateau, 30-foot totem poles and backwoods trading post, comes on in February.

Then, as spring moves forward into summer, France, Japan and Mexico host WorldFest. In June, the U.S. is saluted for three consecutive months.

Even if Epcot was not promoting WorldFest, the World Showcase would be every bit as interesting, both for adults and children.

Armed with an abundance of flair, Disney designers have endowed it with an authenticity and flavor that never ceases to amaze a traveler.

In most cases, the architecture is stunningly real. The American pavilion, with its colonial buildings, summons up images of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. Canada, with its mock version of Ottawa's Chateau Laurier Hotel, will set you back on your heels.

The typically British pub in the British pavilion, and the red and silver Chinese pagoda, are true eye-openers. Mexico's pyramid, Germany's castle, Italy's Roman columns, France's belle epoch restaurant and Japan's rock garden are, in a word, magnificent.

Impressions de France, the 18-minute motion picture on the French countryside, is breathtaking. O Canada!, whiich celebrates the great Canadian outdoors, is impressive as well.

Future World, Epcot's theme area focusing on scientific achievement, history and discovery, should not be missed.

• Spaceship Earth, a spin in the dark through human development from the cave man to the space capsule, breaks new ground in audio-visual techniques.

• Journey Into Imagination's Magic Journeys, the universe seen through the eyes of a child via the medium of 3-D, is truly memorable.

• Listen to the Land, an evocation of the bounties of nature, inspires respect and even awe.

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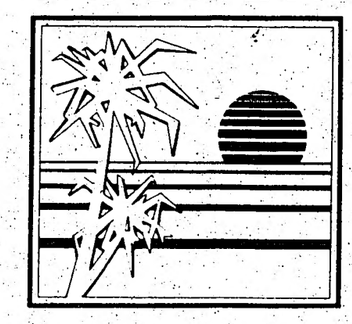

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Travel

Moshavim establish water park, sports complex

By
FAY SCHLINSKY

TIBERIAS —

The recently opened Luna Gal-Golan Beach water amusement park and sports complex offers its guests a wide range of aquatic activities.

Located on the picturesque shore of the Sea of Galilee, the site has become a favorite vacation spot for tourists and Israelis alike. Founded by five area moshavim (cooperative settlements) which also provide the staff, the enterprise is the largest of its kind in Israel.

Luna Gal's colorful, high and winding water slides are its main attractions. To sample the delights you simply climb the stairs to the top of the slide and push off. The slide's cool stream of water (and the force of gravity) carry you along until you splash into a small pool at the end.

For the very young (or the timid) there's a mini-slide. Twin blue "hurricane" slides specialize in curves and turns. The park's crowning glories are the two "kamikaze" water slides, at 16 metres (52 ft.) the tallest in Israel — definitely not for the faint-hearted, but an exciting experience for the fearless.

The all-encompassing view of the Sea of Galilee from the slide's top is a fringe benefit to be enjoyed during the short wait for your turn.

The breathtaking ride down the water-coated bright orange slide lasts less than a minute but the memory certainly lingers on.

Once you've paid the admission fee to the Luna Gal area, access to the slides is unlimited and the 10th trip down is just as thrilling as the first.

When you want a break from the slides, try the bumper boat pool, where your motorized boat will dodge and ram the others, according to your luck and skills.

Children can stay occupied for hours in a water amusement pool specifically designed for the younger set — climbing in and out of gaily colored barrels connected by nets, bobbing up and down on a bridge of plastic containers in the water, slipping down the slides and relaxing under cascading mushroom shaped water carousels.

For landlubber children, there's a sandbox with large plastic structures to crawl through.

Comfortable lounge chairs abound as do protective umbrellas for those who've had enough sun.

Facilities include roomy, spotlessly clean changing areas and showers.

After you've built up an appetite, enjoy a tasty lunch at Luna Gal's reasonably priced fast food snack bar.

Nights at Luna Gal include disco music, flashing lights and special live performances in addition to the regular daytime attractions.

Water sports to suit every taste are offered at the adjacent Golan Beach Marina. The extensive variety of activities makes it difficult to choose what to do first, so you might as well bask in the sunshine on the grassy area around the lake and take a dip in the refreshing water while you decide.

If you're looking for a relaxing, leisurely way to spend time on the water, take a yacht cruise along the Sea of Galilee — it's especially romantic by moonlight.

Luna Gal's winding water slides, popular with children and adults, are an all-day source of amusement.

Imagine the excitement of flying through the air, supported by a parachute as you are towed by a motorboat. Called parascending, it's a short but intoxicating adventure!

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Midway through the 1984 tournament it didn't look like we could even do that — losing to the Swedes and tieing the Americans.

But on that memorable Thursday night not too long ago the Canucks finally pulled themselves together, cut down the stupid mistakes and ground the pesky Russkies into their end of the ice.

The 3-2 score flattered the Russians.

Without Vladimir Myshkin's goaltending heroics, the game would have been over by the end of the 2nd period.

Still, while Myshkin pulled off some miraculous saves and made some people forget Vladislav Tretiak, it was a major weakness in his style that no doubt led the Canadian coaching contingent to devise the offensive portion of their game plan.

The Canadian skaters went for the net, jammed in front and pounced on the rebounds Myshkin invariably let loose. Who can recall Tretiak allowing that many 2nd and 3rd scoring chances?

So, while Myshkin is a good one, he can thank his lucky hammer and sickle he's got a great defence.

Other than Myshkin's goaltending heroics, none of the other Russians played as well as their Canadian counterparts, with the major exception of the Larionov-Makarov-Krutov line.

Every time they hit the ice it was time to hold your breath and hope the Canadian forwards could prevent them from getting out of their end in full flight. They did it for most of the contest, but Makarov and the boys busted loose on a couple of shifts and made Larry Robinson look like his skate-laces were tied together.

Otherwise the Canadian skating and checking made the Soviet forwards look like mere mortals — a pleasant surprise for a change.

Paul Coffey, Mike Bossy and John Tonelli emerged as heroes of the moment, but for my money Ray Bourque and Robinson were the most consistent Canadian players throughout the round robin and even in the showdown match.

Soviet coach Victor Tikhonov — the human turkey-look-alike — gave the Canadians credit for the victory, but suggested the 1-game sudden-death format wasn't fair to his 5-0 team.

Too bad! Where was he three years ago when he coached his squad to tournament and exhibition game losses to Canada before the championship final? Did he, going into that game, suggest Canada had already shown it was the better team and that he might as well mail them the championship?

Well, Tikhonov's got three years to cry in his vodka about the loss, and Canadians can crack open a party-pack and savor the victory.

By the way, Canada did have to beat the Swedes twice before taking home the Cup, but was there really any doubt as to the outcome once the Canucks hit their stride?

The Swedes were lucky the Canadians slept-walked through most of both games to make the score look respectable. They played just well enough to win in that 2nd game and had they played at the same level of intensity they had shown against the Soviet menace, it would have been no contest.

The final series was an anti-climax of Eaglesonian proportions, and he might consider scrapping the present format (with all its yawners) and go back to an exclusive Canada-Russia matchup, perhaps a 7-game series.

One final Canada Cup note: Where was Peter Stastny throughout the tournament? Talk about dead weight. Gilbert Perreault would have been more of an asset playing on one leg.

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Aaron Krickstein, the 17-year-old tennis sensation from Grosse Pointe, Michigan, defended his Israel Grand Prix Tennis title by defeating Shahar Perkis, 6-1, 6-4, in Tel Aviv recently to win the $90,000 first prize.

The victory was on the same court where Krickstein captured the championship last year, his first international tennis victory.

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News from the golf links.

Corey Pavin, well known Jewish golf pro, competed recently in the $300,000 Greater Milwaukee Open, held in Franklin, Wisc.

After a terrific first round 67 (5 under par), Pavin shot subsequent rounds of 70-77-71 for a 3 under par total of 285. That was good only for 10th spot among the money winners, netting him a check of $2,760.

Pavin shared 10th with Mac O'Grady, Rick Dalpos and Forrest Frazier.

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Here's the ultimate Jewish baseball quiz. If you can answer these, consider yourself an expert on baseball trivia — in the genius category.

1. In what stadium did Steve Ratzer make his major league debut?

2. In 1965, what pitcher did Art Shamsky face in his major league debut?

3. In 1937, in what stadium did Harry Danning have five hits in one game?

4. Which pitcher surrendered Barry Latman's first major league home run?

Answers: 1. Olympic Stadium, Montreal, on Oct. 5, 1980, in an 8-1 victory over the Phillies.

2. Bob Gibson. Shamsky, a pinch-hitter for the Cincinnati Reds, failed to get a hit in his only at bat of the game.

3. Baker Bowl, Philadelphia. Danning, a catcher with the New York Giants hit the ball fair 5 times, including a triple and 2 RBIs.

4. Don Mossi. Latman, a relief pitcher for the Cleveland Indians during the 62 season, hit the solo shot in the 3rd inning versus Detroit.

(From the Western Jewish News).

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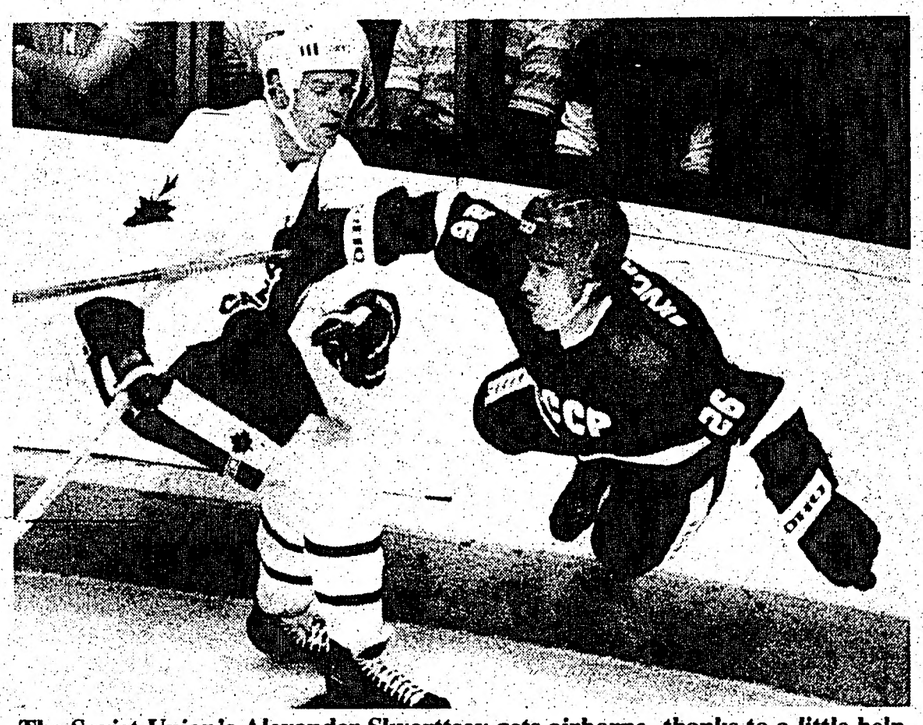
Ethel Lifschitz and Joyce Rembach, both of Willowdale, were silver medalists in pairs competition at the National Lawn Bowling Championships in Hamilton recently.

Lifschitz and Rembach represented Ontario at the meet after winning the provincials.



The Soviet Union's Alexander Skvorttsov gets airborne, thanks to a little help from Team Canada's Randy Gregg. Team Canada grabbed international hockey bragging rights with a 3-2 overtime win against the Russian squad in the Canada Cup semi-final. The Canadians went on to win the Cup by beating Sweden in the finals. [Canapress Photo Service]

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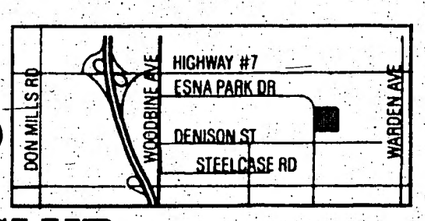

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Bob Gordon (left) and Kal Schaffran, owners of Southern Atlantic Service (Ontario) Ltd., with one of their three trucks that provides day and night repairs or replacements for clients' refrigerators, range, washer, dryer and dishwasher appliances. The contract service was introduced recently in the Toronto area.

Research at Technion

Computer simulates heart

HAIFA—

A major research project now in progress at the Technion's Julius Silver Institute of Bio-Medical Engineering Sciences aims at the development of a novel computerized model of the human heart.

Initial information on this work was released earlier this year at a workshop on 3-dimensional simulation and imaging of the cardiac system, which was attended by leading heart specialists from around the world.

The long-term objective of the Silver Institute team is the development of an integrated system of hard and software that will give the physician a totality of information on all heart functions for each individual patient.

To produce such specific data for each individual patient, and not merely the statistical averages some of which are now available, the model will be based on observations collected from that patient by means of a comparatively inexpensive and completely non-invasive ultrasound device.

Ultimately, it is hoped, the system will make it possible to produce a computer simulation of the individual patient's heart, on the basis of a very short examination.

That simulation can then serve different purposes: on the one hand, it may be subjected to different degrees of simulated stress to test its reaction; on the other, it can be treated experimentally by different simulated procedures to find the best remedy and to prevent malfunctions.

The ability to do all that to computer images before treating the actual patient will, of course, save a great deal of time and cost, not to mention pain, discomfort and danger.

The full implications of such a system once it becomes available, cannot be evaluted as yet, but could open completely new avenues of treating cardiac disorders.

Of even greater potential interest is the fact that such computerized procedures may make the large scale screening of entire populations a technically and economically feasible practice.

In this manner, it may become possible to discover cardiac malfunctions before they become acute and to prescribe preventive treatment to forestall heart attacks.

Solar neighborhood plans are developed

HAIFA —

A team of architects, headed by Aryeh Rahamimov and advised by Dr. Milo Hoffman of the Building Research Station at the Technion, was recently awarded first prize in a national competition for the best design of a passive solar neighborhood.

The competition was sponsored jointly by the ministries of energy and housing and by the Israel Association of Engineers and Architects.

The site chosen for this competition is in Mitzpe Ramon, a development town in the heart of the Negev desert.

However, in spite of very hot and intense sunshine during the summer, this location's primary climatic problem is the cold: during January and February temperatures often approach and occasionally drop below freezing.

The architectural team proposed to build an integral neighborhood of about 100 dwellings in single and multi-storey buildings. Individual housing units are to be of different sizes to accommodate a mixed population of all ages.

Since cold, rather than heat is the problem in this area, buildings are sited so as not to cast shadows on each other in the winter and all rooms face south for maximum direct gain from the low winter sun.

Greenhouse sun porches will enhance that gain and good insulation will reduce energy losses.

All these measures are expected to reduce fuel consumption for space heating to only one fifth of what is customary in this area.

This means living spaces will not need to be heated most of the time, making the installation of central heating systems unnecessary, for a significant reduction of the basic investment.

The limited space heating needs that still remain, can be covered easily by inexpensive electric portable units.

Israel's "Big 3" get top ratings

TEL AVIV—

According to the ranking systems of four of the world's highly respected financial magazines, Israeli banks continue to occupy strong positions among international banking institutions.

In rankings based either on total financial assets or on total deposits on hand or both, the Israeli "big three" appeared within the top world banks, albeit in somewhat lower positions than previously.

More specifically, Bank Leumi, the country's oldest and largest financial group, was ranked 87th on the British publication The Banker's list of the 500 largest world banks. That was four places below last year's 83 ranking.

Similarly, Euromoney, also published in Britain, listed Bank Leumi in 88th place, compared to 84th last year.

In the American Forbes ranking of the 200 largest (non-American) companies in the world, Bank Leumi rose from 92nd position in 1982 to 77th in 1983.

Finally, American Banker, which showed Bank Leumi at number 68 in 1982 according to deposits and number 77 in total assets, now ranks the bank at numbers 75 and 86 respectively.

Digital invests

JERUSALEM—

Digital, one of the world's most important computer manufacturers, will shortly set up a planning and engineering centre in Israel's capital.

The announcement was made by minister of industry and trade Gideon Patt at the recent inauguration of National Semiconductor's new facility in Migdal Haemek.

According to Patt, a total of about $1.5 million will be invested in Digital's Jerusalem subsidiary. In making this move, the company will follow in the footsteps of other key U.S.-based electronic firms.

Both Intel and National Semiconductor have operated in this country for some years and Motorola and IBM have been here even longer.

There are several reasons why American companies come to Israel, one of which is the availability of top flight engineers and EDP professionals at a cost significantly lower than that of similar personnel in other countries.

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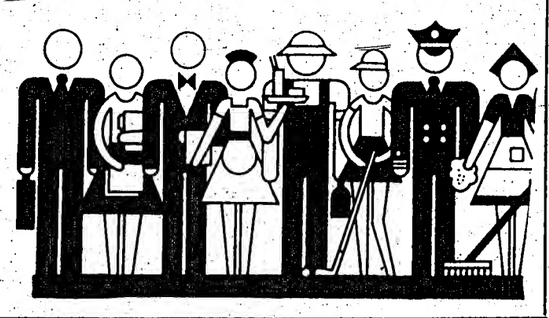

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Housing problem eases in Israel

TEL AVIV —
The once-imposing challenge of finding appropriate housing in Israel is no longer a stumbling block to many new immigrant families and returning Israelis.

A wide range of competitively-priced apartments built to international standards is now available in what is today becoming a promising buyers market for homes in Israel, according to one of the country's leading apartment building authorities.

An extensive building program is being completed to provide more than 1,500 apartments in 17 communities in the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv areas, says Itzhak Jaeger, managing director of Mishab, Housing Construction & Development Co. Ltd.

He says Mishab is undertaking an ambitious effort to meet what he terms "the intensified demand by families in Israel and those now living abroad to insure quality of life in their neighborhoods, and raise their children in a healthy Jewish environment."

Since 1937, Mishab has built more than 20,000 housing units in several hundred communities for Israeli and Jewish families making aliya. Many of these projects are self-contained with schools, synagogues, nurseries, study halls, gardens, playgrounds, walking paths and other neighborhood facilities.

Communities built for modern Orthodox families are restricted to Shabbat observers, he noted.

New housing developments in Mishab's computerized pipeline of current projects include apartments ranging in price from $48,000 for 2-bedroom flats in Kiryat Herzog, B'nai Brak, to $167,000 for 6-room triplex units in the Baka neighborhood of Jerusalem.

These projects feature apartments in Har Nof, Bayit V'gan and Gilo, Jerusalem; at Segula on the outskirts of Petach Tikvah; at Nahalat Yitzhak — Tel Aviv; in Ra'anana and Givat Shmuel, near Bar-Ilan University, plus semi-detached duplex "cottages" in Rishon L'Zion, Herzlia and Kfar Saba.

These locations are selected for their proximity to educational, cultural and religious facilities, as well as high-tech and other professional employment opportunities, according to Jaeger.

Foreign residents may obtain mortgages of up to 50% of the apartment value, to $75,000, while new immigrants receive assistance through Mishab and the ministry of absorption, amounting to 80% of the apartment price at "advantageous" interest rates for mortgages of up to 20 years.

Mishab offices in North America are located in the Young Israel Building, at 3 W 16th St., New York City (212-691-5950). The company's Israeli sales centres are located in Tel Aviv (27 Lilienblum St.) and Jerusalem (1 Hagidem St.).

Canadian program invites investors

MONTREAL —
The easing of some immigration restrictions by the federal government earlier this year has resulted in an increse in the number of inquiries, by business people about opportuities open to potential investors in Canada.

Montreal lawyer Martin J. Berger said the introduction of Canada's new immigration policy to encourage the creation of greater employment appears to be having positive effects.

Invited as a guest speaker at a recent conference of the International Bar Association in Vienna, the partner of the firm of Berger and Winston said:

"The declared objective of Canada's new policy was to develop an overall program which would more realistically and practically respond to the desires of potential immigrants whose business ventures would enhance the Canadian economy."

Some 3,000 members of the legal profession attended the week-long biennial conference. The International Bar Association was founded in 1947 and today represents some 80 national bar associations and law societies. It has more than 7,000 indvidual members in 113 countries.

The new immigration policy directives give priority in immigrant processing to qualified business people capable of increasing employment opportunities in Canada, Berger said.

"In other words, the new regulations ease the restrictions regarding foreign businessmen and entrepreneurs interested in establishing business operations in this country," he said.

These new guidelines he said, "recognize that entrepreneurs and businessmen can provide the necessary stimulus for expansion of the economic and financial opportunities available in Canada."

Canada especially seeks those qualified business and entrepreneurial people "who bring not only a financial contribution to a job-generating enterprise but also introduce direct involvement in the day-to-day management and decision-making which enhances the business prospects," he said.

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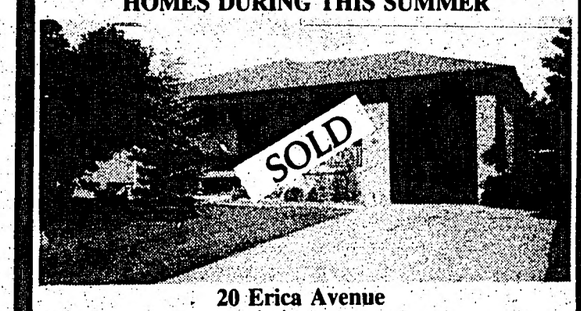

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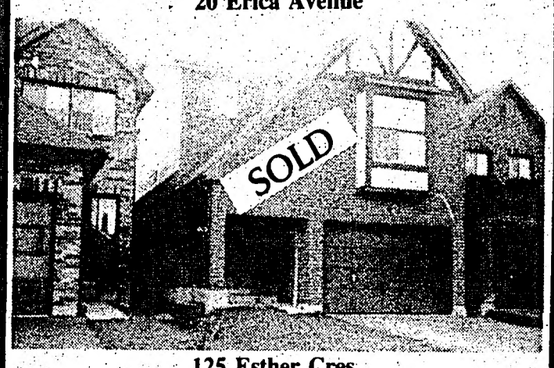

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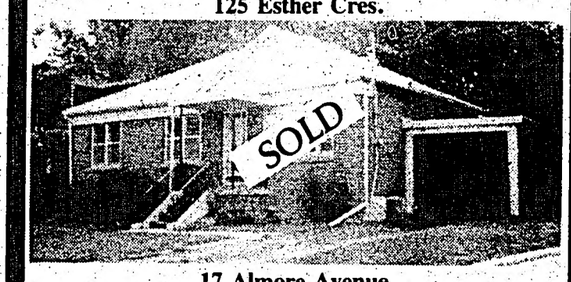

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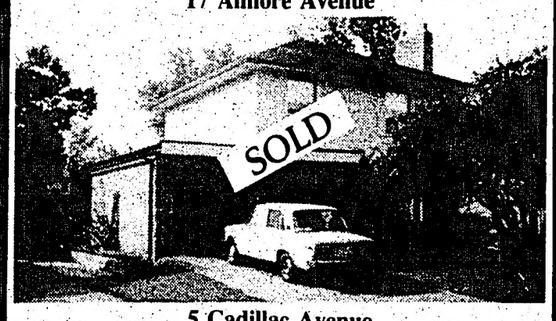

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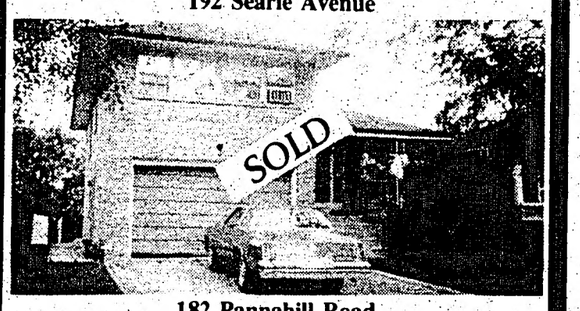

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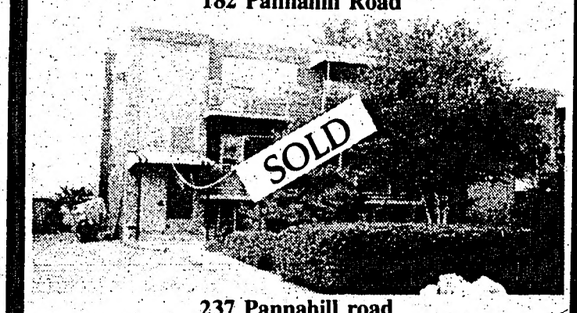

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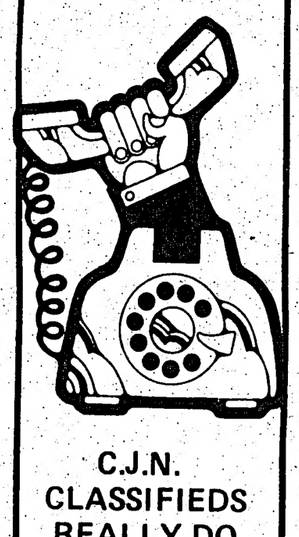

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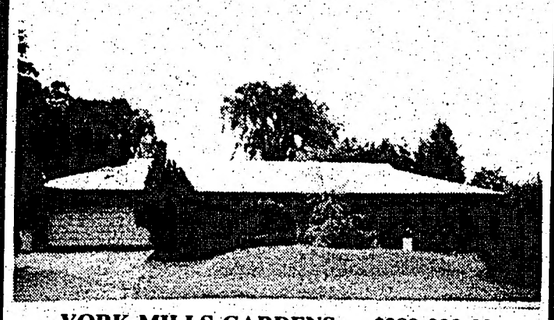

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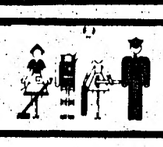

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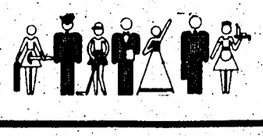

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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Morris Berk,** beloved husband, father & grandfather, will take place on Sunday, September 30, 10:00 a.m. at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Lodzer Centre Section.

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Brown, Alexander on September 15, 1984, late of 101 Latimer Avenue.
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No cure, but help for arthritis victims

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — **You wake up in the morning and feel persistent stiffness and throbbing pain.**

These recurring symptoms are accompanied by swelling in the joints for which there is no obvious cause.

As the week goes by, you feel constantly exhausted and suffer a weight loss and slight fever.

If you're wise, you'll get in touch with your physician immediately.

You may well be suffering from arthritis, Canada's most prevalent chronic disease, which now afflicts more than 3 million people.

Researchers have yet to find a cause or cure for this mysterious disease, but that's no reason for giving up hope, according to Dr. Murray Urowitz, rheumatologist, who is medical planning chairman of The Arthritis Society at 250 Bloor St. E., Suite 401, Toronto M4W 1E6.

Here are some tips suggested by The Society:

Best chance — The simple truth of the matter is that the physician has his best chance to relieve pain and reduce the potential for damage if the patient before the destruction of the connective tissue has begun.

A common fallacy — A common fallacy among the uninformed is that because arthritis cannot be "cured" in the traditional sense, **nothing** can be done. Too often, this is compounded by a patient tendency toward self-diagnosis and self-treatment.

Part of the problem lies in the ready availability of a wide array of "off-the-shelf" medications which imply, through astute marketing, advertising and packaging, that they are "just what the doctor ordered."

Temporary relief only — In some cases, these medications may be palliative, but they only serve temporarily relief pain or discomfort without taking any strides toward a correction of the situation.

Sometimes, even a physician will say "I'm sorry, you have arthritis. You're just going to have to live with it."

Something can be done — It is unfortunate that some physicians, trained sometime ago, may not have kept up with the advances in rheumatology made within the last two decades. Something **can** be done, and no patient should accept a defeatist attitude.

Training standard — Things are improving, however, and instruction in the diagnosis and management of the rheumatic diseases is now a standard part of every medical student's curriculum.

As well, though the number of rheumatologists — specialists in arthritis — while still small, is growing yearly and their services are becoming available to more and more people right across Canada.

Make time — If your family physician diagnoses your condition as arthritis, make time to ask questions about what he or she can do for you. If the answer is "nothing," consider asking for a referral to a specialist.

Medical professionals are rarely insulted by a request for a consultation, and often welcome the opportunity to learn more about one of their patient's problems.

The best chance — Early diagnosis and prompt treatment offer the patient his best chance to avoid the deformity and disability that can sometimes be a consequence of arthritis.

If you think you've got a problem, see your doctor immediately.

Ford of Canada extends its sincerest best wishes for a very happy, prosperous New Year.

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Longing for return to Israel

Rachel holds a special place in hearts of Jews

By
DR. DAVID GEFFEN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Most visitors to Israel these days normally pay a brief visit to Rachel's Tomb, located in Bethlehem on the Hebron Road. For centuries Jews have paused there to offer prayers and link themselves with the love, beauty and piety of Rachel, the fourth of our matriarchs and the only one buried in a separate tomb.

The question has often been raised as to why Rachel was singled out for such special homage and why it is that she has become a dominant symbol marking the return of the Jewish people to its homeland.

The key to solving this biblical question is found in the Haftorah from Jeremiah chapter 3, which is read on the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

In order to comfort the Jews, as they went into exile as a result of the Babylonian conquest and the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE, Jeremiah describes the exiles stopping at the tomb of Rachel to pour out their hearts. Jeremiah writes, "Rachel weeps for her children and she will not be comforted because they are not."

Through the centuries these words, chanted annually on Rosh Hashanah have reinforced the longing of Jews for both a spiritual and physical return to Israel. In this sense, Jeremiah was perhaps the quintessential Zionist prophet.

Rosh Hashanah is that holiday which best typifies the spiritual and ethical dimension of our return to Israel. While each of the pilgrimage festivals had an agricultural basis for their observance, Rosh Hashanah has applied its universal character to the fulfilment of aliya. If aliya was to take on the most significance for the individual Jew, it had to be suffused with a different set of characteristics. The themes of Rosh Hashanah, justice and mercy, have best exemplified what is necessary for the oleh.

The Haftorah for the second day of Rosh Hashanah was purposely selected by the rabbis as a way of challenging the individual, at the beginning of the New Year, not only to examine and assess himself, but also to seriously consider the meaning of returning to Eretz Yisrael. "He that scattered Israel doth gather him and keep him as a shepherd does his flock."

Powerful images are put forward by Jeremiah whose message resounded giving encouragement to the Jews throughout the ages. "For I will turn their mourning into joy and will comfort them and make them rejoice from their sorrow."

In our own lifetime we have witnessed the creation of the State of Israel and the ingathering of Jews from many lands. Here in Israel the words of Jeremiah ring out on Rosh Hashanah, stressing the necessity to inculcate into Israeli society the themes of justice, mercy, of loving kindness and truth, which are the foundation stones of our continued existence as Jews.

Israel must be ethically sound and spiritually alert to all the tests which a young society must face. The resounding call for "Tzedek, tzedek tirdof" — "justice, justice shall you pursue," must ever be one of the hallowed axioms of Israeli life. Moreover, we say to our creator in Jeremiah's words: "Turn thou me and I shall be turned . . . after that being turned I repented."

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah as you listen to the Haftorah, be attentive to the words of Jeremiah — words of comfort and hope, a call to restoration which rang in the ears of the Jewish people throughout the centuries, a restoration which has come to fruition in our generation.

Just as our matriarch Rachel, we weep for our children and hope that in time they will all return to the land chosen in the past, rebuilt in the present and looking ever to the future.

That is the eternal Zionist message reiterated annually as a New Year of hope and ultimate fulfilment begins.

A Yemenite blowing the shofar at Jerusalem's Western Wall. [WZPS photo]

Free trade area possible

Closer U.S.-Israel relations highlight past year

By
WALTER EYTAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The year has flown, full of important events, but nothing comparable in magnitude to the peace with Egypt in 1979 or the Lebanese invasion of 1982. However different the picture drawn from the world's media reports, it has been in a sense a reasonably quiet year on the diplomatic front.

Nothing has been more important to Israeli foreign affairs than the steady advance in relations between Israel and the U.S. Israel's leaders, from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir down, rarely miss a chance of declaring that never have these relations been so good. The public, pleased, but with no ready means of checking for itself, remains on guard for any unpleasant developments or sudden rise in tensions.

But irrespective of who wins the American presdential election in November, the situation 12 months from now may be less favorable. As things are, grumbles and warnings come mostly from the nitpickers, despite a major breakthrough — the emerging agreement between the two countries on the establishment of a free trade area.

This would be America's first such agreement with any country in the world, and prospects for it at present appear fair, despite opposition from powerful American industrial interests.

Meanwhile, U.S. aid to Israel, military and economic alike, stands at an all-time high, with Israel due to receive $2.5 billion in military and economic grants.

The free trade pact between Israel and the European Economic Community (EEC) will come into full force by 1987. It will make Israel in practice, if not in politics, a partner in the Common Market, opening most of Western Europe to the free entry of Israeli goods.

Since it is reciprocal, it should have a healthy effect on Israel's industry, which will have to enhance its efficiency and productivity if it is to hold on its own in a highly competitive field. Industries which cannot meet the required standards will run the risk of going under.

EEC leaders have not, as a body, adopted any new initiative on Israel and Palestinians as they did so gratuitously at their Venice "summit" in 1980. The reason lies in any revision of their attitude than in the grave dangers that threaten them from the Iraq-Iran war.

With over one-third of their oil supplies carried in tankers from the Persian Gulf, the Europeans have a more immediate source of anxiety. For the first time the Europeans may have begun to understand what Israel has long told them — that the Arab conflict is not the only, nor even the main focus of unrest in the Middle East.

The situation in Lebanon has proved disappointing to Israeli policy makers who had hoped to engineer the establishment there of a strong government under Maronite (Christian) leadership, with which it could live at peace and so ensure the security of its northern border.

Lebanon, however, succumbing to Syrian pressure, refused to carry out the agreement with Israel signed on May 17, 1983, formally declaring it moribund. It is Syria today, not Israel, that has, for the present at least, the upper hand in Lebanese affairs.

Meanwhile, Israel's peace with Egypt has been gently ticking over, regularly reaffirmed in words but impoverished in content. Egypt's ambassador, recalled in September 1982 as a result of events in Lebanon, has still not been returned to his post.

There is not likely to be much improvement in relations with Egypt as long as Israel's army remains in southern Lebanon. The government's quandary is how to ensure peace and quiet for Galilee without keeping an army on the Lebanese side of the border. Everyone in Israel wants to see our soldiers brought home, but no one quite knows how.

On the Arab political front, there has been no change. President Reagan had hoped that his "initiative" of September 1982 would create a joint Jordanian-Palestine front with which Israel could negotiate.

The plan, however, proved unacceptable to all — and unrealizable to boot, since King Hussein has failed in repeated efforts to reach agreement with Yasser Arafat.

With no Arab party willing to negotiate with Israel, and Israel refusing to deal with a PLO that denies its very right to exist, the situation is where it has been for so long — at a dead end.

On a less elevated plane, yet significant in its way and promising for the future, has been Israel's progress on other continents. El Salvador has followed Costa Rica in transferring its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, taking Arab wrath and retaliation in its stride.

Two African states, Zaire and Liberia, have renewed the diplomatic relations with Israel broken off after the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

President Chaim Herzog was warmly received on an official visit to both countries. Most recently, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) has welcomed Israeli representation in its capital, Colombo, operating for the time being out of the U.S. embassy there.

At the same time, there has been determined action in the U.S. House and Senate aimed at moving the American embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The Reagan administration, admitting to fears of a furious Arab reprisal, has been resisting the move with every possible argument.

But for the first time, Congress has held an open debate on Jerusalem as Israel's capital and as a result, a majority of Congress has supported the transfer legislation.

Jerusalem, Israel's capital, has become a central issue in the Arab-Israel conflict, far from the UN's original concept of a 10-year "internationalization" under a UN trusteeship.

At one time there were some 20 foreign embassies there: now there are only the two that have recently moved there.

The Jerusalem problem, obdurate as ever, has little chance of being totally resolved before general peace is established between Israel and the Arab world.

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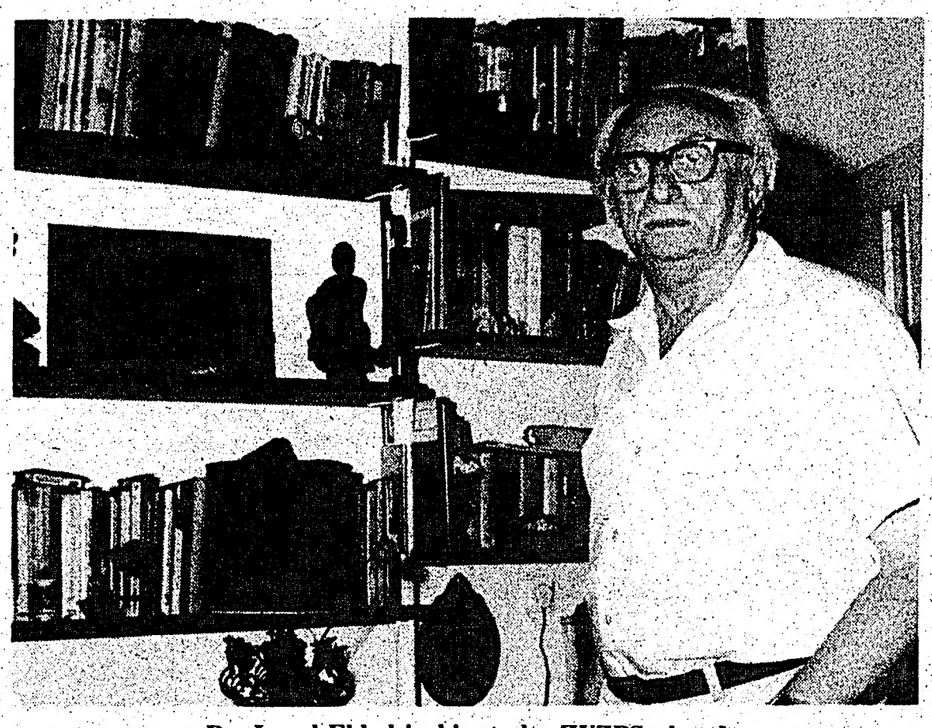

Dr. Israel Eldad in his study. [WZPS photo]

Israel still reaches for ultimate goals

By
HERB KEINON

JERUSALEM(WZPS) — A common thread woven through the writings of many an early Zionist was the hope that, with the creation of an independent Jewish state, Jews would at long last guide their own destiny.

Since the very conception of the Zionist idea, the most favorable course for a Jewish state to chart has, however, been the source of intense and often bitter wrangling.

A young state, Israel is still in the process of self-definition. Her ultimate goals are yet to be determined; the nature of her society still to be firmly fixed.

As such, the struggle over Israel's orientation in all spheres of life is being waged by various schools of political thought, each with a different vision of Israel's ideal destiny.

One such vision, albeit a controversial one, is that of Dr. Israel Eldad, the self-proclaimed "grand old man" of Israel's ideological Right.

A former leader of the Stern Group (Lehi), the smallest and most radical component of the pre-state Jewish underground, Eldad remains a firm believer in the Revisionist Zionist philosophy of Ze'ev Jabotinsky, Uri Zvi Greenberg and Avraham Stern.

In a cogent and scholarly manner, the 74-year-old academician has for over 40 years been espousing a revolutionary brand of messianic, territorial Zionism.

Historian and biblical scholar, columnist and university lecturer, Eldad seems almost single-handedly put to rest the notion that Israel's "right wing" is today without any true intellectuals.

Eldad's premise is simple: Zionism is a revolution which has as its ultimate goal the physical and spiritual redemption of the Jewish people. The modern State of Israel is not an end, but rather "a tool for the accomplishment of an act of redemption."

Referring to the Bible, as he is wont to do, Eldad reminds us that chronologically the judges preceded the Prophets.

The role of Deborah, Samson and Gideon, the role of Israel's Judges was to conquer the Land and physically pave the way for the spiritual renaissance heralded by the Prophets.

The analogy to modern Israel is obvious. The Jewish state, in Eldad's eyes, is a throwback to the biblical Judges. The aim of Zionism is to ingather the exiles, build up the land, and settle her historic borders.

This physical task, though arduous and difficult, is a necessay precondition to the longed for spiritual redemption of the Jewish people.

Many maintain, however, that Israel's social, economic and security problems somewhat belie the claim that we are now living in the Dawn of Redemption. Well aware of this argument, Eldad points out that the days of Judges were also less than ideal.

"Nevertheless," he forcefully declares, "the Judges represented a necessary stage in history. Zionism represents a similar stage.

" History will not be written by what makes headlines tonight. History judges final achievements, and what we have accomplished so far is truly remarkable. Don't despair of Zionism because of today's immediate problems!"

It is not Eldad's messianic scenario as much as the political implications of his proposed script, which generates such controversy. At the root of his unconventional political thought is the belief that Israel should summarily annex all the "liberated" territories, Judea, Samaria and the Gaza area.

Opponents of such a move maintain that not only would the incorporation of over a million Arabs who came under our control after the Six Day War in 1967 undermine the Jewish nature of the state, but that governing such a large and hostile minority would eventually call for the suspension of certain democratic procedures.

Somewhat aggravated by recurrent allusions to the demographic argument, Eldad claims that had Ben-Gurion listened to the fatalistic statisticians of his day, he would never have declared the independence of a Jewish state in 1948.

"Yet," Eldad thunders, "rather than resigning itself to a political reality, Zionism has always attempted to change it. If two million Diaspora Jews would immigrate to Israel today, there would be no demographic debate, the argument over Judea and Samaria would not exist. I don't have a Palestinian problem; I have a Brooklyn problem," he says referring to the relatively tiny proportions of American aliya.

Furthermore, Eldad argues, upon outright annexation Israel should make it clear to the Arabs within her expanded borders that they have one of three options: those wishing to stay must become loyal citizens; those remaining hostile must realize they are "playing with fire," and those desirous of emigrating should be helped and even encouraged to do so.

To many Israelis, such a problem sounds dangerously anti-democratic. Eldad counters by stressing that it is the redemption of the Jewish people, not Western democracy, which represents Zionism's ultimate goals.

In an article in the Jerusalem Post, Eldad unabashedly wrote: "At the root of my thinking is the approach that there are matters to which the standards of Western democracy cannot be applied, for we are still in a revolutionary process. In a revolution all serves the ideal, and Zionism, for me, is the ideal."

Israel must determine, Eldad contends, if the ultimate goals of Zionism are best served by Western democracy. Though conceding that theoretically democracy is the best form of government, Israel's perennial firebrand argues that it is a luxury not necessarily suited to every political condition. "At this historic and difficult stage, how much democracy can Israel truly afford?" he asks.

It is the radical nature of this provocative question which, for many Israelis, renders Eldad such a formidable, problematic and controversial public figure.

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Open my eyes that I may perceive the wonders of Your teaching

Psalm 119:18

How could Akiva have known more than Moses, who met God on the mountain?

Could we know more about God than Akiva?

The Talmud tells us that God Himself transported Moses
to the classroom of Rabbi Akiva in the second century,
to show him that there were meanings in the Torah
that Moses had never imagined*

If we met God today as Moses did at Sinai,
would we receive the same Torah?
Think about it: revelation must depend in part on the listener.
Our ancestors heard at Sinai what they were capable of hearing.

If revelation ended at Sinai,
then all later experience—Jeremiah's, Akiva's, ours—is redundant,
and the accumulated learning of civilizations is pointless, even ungodly.
But revelation continues. It builds. The interpretation of one generation
becomes part of the text for succeeding generations.

We can hear a little better all the time, if we are listening.

We are listening. Sinai was not our final list of commandments.
We have always taken new mitzvot upon ourselves:
to mark Shabbat and holidays in new ways;
to establish synagogues and to compose liturgy;
to ordain rabbis;
to engage in daily prayer;
to support the State of Israel;
to educate our daughters.

The growth of understanding is God's gift to us.
If study led merely to making ourselves into the image of our ancestors
we would be denying the growing body of human knowledge,
the expanding conscience of the sensitive,
and our own contemporary insights.
We would be practicing a masked form of idolatry.
Nostalgia alone is not enough.

We can understand God's message better than Akiva.
We have history, archeology, literature, philosophy, psychology,
as well as Talmud and the thinking of our great scholars—
the accumulated wisdom of humanity. We have to use it all.
We have constantly to rethink what is expected of us
as people and specifically as Jews.
This is not a task for rabbis and scholars alone. It never has been.
We have always been a community of thinking, caring, studying people,
who increase the power of God's law by living it and growing with it.
Each new year demands that we open ourselves again to revelation:
to listen, to learn, and to act.

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Society needs Judaism

Rosh Hashanah answers the question of why

By
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There is an ingredient missing in Jewish life which, I believe is basically responsible for the deleterious spiritual condition in which we find ourselves. That ingredient is our unsureness, our uncertainty, our lack of a proper perception as to the "why" of Jewish survival.

Why, indeed is it necessary for Judaism to survive as a religion and the Jews as a unique people?

It is Rosh Hashanah that provides us with an answer to the question, why?

We often think of Rosh Hashanah as the most Jewish of our holidays. After all, at what other days of the year do Jews congregate together in such number.

Yet, Rosh Hashanah is a holiday whose major themes are not particularly Jewish, but rather are universal in nature. Hayom harat olam — today we celebrate the birthday of the world. Hayom yamid bamishpat kol yetzu ray kedem. This day all the creatures of the universe stand in judgment before G-d.

This day we pray: Mloch al kol haolam kulo bichvodecha — Almighty reign over all the universe in Thy glory. V'hofa bahadar g'on uzecha al kol yoshvay tayvail artzecha — shine forth in the majesty of Thy triumphant power over all the inhabitants of Thy world.

This is a holiday which has implications, significance and relevance to all mankind and yet, here we are, as Jews only, gathered in holiness and piety to commemorate these days of awe. To grasp the meaning of this observation is to come alive as a Jew.

For as we reflect upon our lives, as we should on these days of introspection and self-evaluation, we will discover that Judaism occupies but a portion of it. Our daily preoccupations in the main are not essentially Jewish.

What has Judaism to do with the falling stockmarket, the desegregation of our schools, the skyrocketing inflation, the economic upheavals which so drastically affect one of us?

What has Judaism to do with coping with family crises—the difficulty in raising children, the rifts between husband and wife, the strained relationship between adult children and aging parents?

What has Judaism to do with the things that really matter in life: health, fun, recreation and just plain living?

What has happened, if we stop to analyze it, is that Judaism has become for most of us, just a way of looking at things — holidays, rites and ritual — rather than a certain way of looking at all things. We do not see the relationship between our Jewishness and our day in and day out existence.

And there is the rub! Why Judaism? Because Judaism provides us with a true welt aunshaung, complete world outlook, with the values, the ideals, the perspectives, the insights and the attitudes which enable us to grapple with all life's problems.

Why Jewish survival? Because you need Judaism and society needs Judaism more than ever before, because our whole cockeyed world has gone haywire and because we have forgotten what compassion is, what brotherhood is, what real inner peace and international peace is, and what love is.

We have forgotten what respect is, and what human dignity is and what morality is, and what our true aims and goals in life should be.

Why Jewish survival? Because to be a Jew, in its fullest sense, is to be a better human being in the highest sense . . . and this universe of ours needs a widespread inoculation of humanity. Judaism is a spiritual uranium which can sustain us as individuals, and the world, if we know how to use it. This is what Rosh Hashanah is all about.

The connection and relationship between Judaism and life itself, between the Jew and the world around him, can only be perceived and fully understood by those who have traversed the highways and byways of Jewish culture. How much of a Jew can we really be, how can we use the strength and vitality of Judaism and apply it to our daily life if we really have never discovered, intellectually, the greatness and splendor of our heritage.

How much do we really know about the Bible; how much about Jewish philosophy and theology, how much about Jewish morality as reflected in our legal codes? How much do we know about the Jewish mechanism for coping with loneliness and grief and with anxiety?

How can we know how therapeutic Judaism really is for ourselves and our society if we have not explored the wide range of its literature, its philosophy and its theology?

That is why Jewish education is the key to Jewish understanding, and Jewish understanding, not money, is the key to Jewish survival.

Jewish education is for everyone — not only for our youth. Some people think since the Torah was given, as the Bible tells us, to the "children of Israel," it is meant "for children only." It is not so. Old and young, boy and girl, man and woman, must take advantage of the Jewish educational opportunities available.

There is no message of greater import that I can bring to you on this holy day. We do not regard this season as a brief intrusion upon your way of life which shall resume, as normal, after a 3-day interlude. We expect these days to reshape and remold your life in its totality — and it can if you resolve to let the fresh air of Jewish understanding and knowledge penetrate your world through Jewish learning. Ashray haam yoday terua — happy are the people who perceive and heed the sound of the shofar.

The shofar beckons you to come alive Jewishly, not because you have some kind of sentimental attachment to Jewish life — but because by learning what Judaism is really all about you can be infused with a new spirit, for a life of blessing and happiness, for you and your family — and for a world that needs the faith and heritage of Israel to survive.

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Heir of the Bilu

Zionist activists form new group

By
SHERYL HALPERN

NEW YORK (WNS) — A century ago the idealistic Jewish youth of Kharkov were inspired by the hope of making the dream of the return to Zion a reality. In a heroic effort to suit the deed to the inspiration the pioneering Bilu went to the promised land of their forefathers to fulfil themselves in Eretz Israel and to dedicate their youthful vigor and elan to life and labor in Palestine.

Today, Five Fifteen Park Ave. in New York, the headquarters of the World Zionist Organization-American Section has a brand new tenant which is the closest ideological American-Jewish offshoot and heir of the Bilu. It is TELEM, the 5-year-old movement for Zionist fulfilment, with chapters in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Francisco and Washington.

In 1979 the young Zionist activitist founders of TELEM came together on the West Coast to form a spirited Zionist organization which would serve both as a support group for aliya-bound college students and graduates, and as a young Zionist movement in the American Jewish community committed to rejuvenating the ideal of Zionist fulfilment through aliya.

The command post of TELEM at 515 is manned by Ron Werber, Michael Rubin and Marcy Gray. Ron is TELEM's national shaliach. He was born in Petach Tikva and grew up in Beersheba. Ron was a Zionist campus activist while studying for his journalism degree in New York.

He recently returned to the U.S. from Israel where he helped organize TELEM's leadership seminar. While there, he married Effie Clivne, an American who had worked with TELEM in the United States and had made aliya three years ago. Ron and Effie are now here in the U.S.

Mike is national chairperson. He comes from Washington, and spent two years in Israel, and was a history major at Brandeis University where he was a Zionist leader. Mike is also a founder of Telem-Settlement garin now being formed.

Marcy Gray is presently director of publications for TELEM and editor of its magazine Ze Haderech (This Is The Way).

Originally from New York, she graduated from Cornell University with degrees in English and agriculture. After graduation, Ms. Gray worked for Congressman Richard Ottinger in Washington where she was actively involved in the fight against the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia.

In 1982-1983, Gray lived in Israel where she participated in a kibbutz ulpan at Kibbutz Ramat Rahel. After the ulpan, she worked as a freelance writer and eventually became editorial assistant for Forum, the ideological quarterly of the World Zionist Organization.

Ron Werber said; "TELEM" strives to fulfil its goals as a non-partisan movement which can accommodate the entire spectrum of right-wing, left-wing, middle-of-the-road and unaffiliated activists who are dedicated to Zionist effort in the community and aliya.

"Our members are involved both in their preparation for aliya and in raising the awareness of others concerning Zionism, learning Hebrew, aliya and living a creative and active Jewish life in Israel."

Michael Rubin added: "We are involved in forming a coalition of groups and individuals concerned with aliya and the revitalization of the Zionist movement. Further, it's our intention to exert every effort to make aliya the foremost Zionist priority.

"We are working to change the structure of the Zionist movement so that Zionist fulfilment through aliya becomes the heart of the movement.

"For those TELEM aliyaniks already living in Israel, improving the quality of Israeli life is a principal goal.

"While grooming ourselves for aliya as young American men and women, we shall work to strengthen the ties between Israel and the Diaspora and to stress the centrality of Israel as crucial to positive American-Jewish life."

Mike continued: "The year ahead will be an exciting one for TELEM. We're strengthening the nine existing chapters and we expect to add several more this year. We have the people, we have the enthusiasm, and we are ready to take on the challenges of the future."

Kids bring Welsh back

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

LONDON — Israeli humorist Ephraim Kishon once wrote that Israel is the only country in the world where mothers learn their mother tongue from their children. But Kishon was wrong, for the same thing is happening in Wales. Here youngsters, who study Welsh in school, are helping to spark new interest among their parents in the region's traditional language, which only a generation ago seemed on the verge of disappearance.

Moreover, as I learned during a recent visit, Welsh, like Hebrew, is taught to adults at "ulpanim" — and the Welsh use the Hebrew word ulpan. This is because their language schools are based on the Israeli model.

The high point of Welsh cultural life is the annual Royal Eistenddfod, held this year in the South Wales town of Lampeter. There, for nearly a week, tens of thousands of people participate in a festival of Welsh singing and dancing, which culminates in the crowning of a Welsh-language bard.

My wife and I enjoyed the Eisteddfod even without knowing the language of the region. However, in order to fit in as best we could, we decided to speak to each other in Hebrew rather than English, for Hebrew, with its guttural sounds, at least has a superficial resemblance to Welsh.

I only switched to English in order to interview an official of the Welsh Teachers Union, who kindly consented to speak that alien tongue in my honor. He was well acquainted with the Israeli educational scene and with the successful revival of Hebrew, though he didn't know that science is taught in Hebrew as well; so far, even in Welsh schools, it is taught in English for lack of an appropriate Welsh vocabulary.

Like other cultural nationalists, the Welsh teacher has little use for "assimilationists," by which he means residents of Wales who don't know Welsh. Even the famous Welsh poet Dylan Thomas, he declared heatedly, could not be considered "a real Welshman" for he neither wrote nor spoke "his own languge."

Being Welsh, I hasten to add, has no religious connotations, and Jews who know or are learning Welsh are regarded as "real Welshmen." Among the proud participants in the Eisteddfod, for example, was the Bloom family of Cardiff. They were displaying their own, hand-made Welsh harps, which play a key role in Welsh music — at least for the older generation.

Young Welshmen, as I could see for myself, prefer far louder instruments. Thus right next to the main hall, where the traditional music of Wales was being played, there was a big tent featuring high decibel rock concerts — in Welsh, of course.

The sole political note at he Eisteddfod were the badges worn by many participants. They bore the slogan: "Coal not Dole." This is the message of striking miners and their supporters, who fear that the region's most important traditional industry will be destroyed if Prime Minister Thatcher's economic policies are allowed to prevail.

Only one mine is still open in Wales, and I was lucky enough to visit it. The reason it is not strike-bound is that it is no longer serving its original purpose, but rather being used as a place to show visitors how coal was and is mined. After paying a $3 entrance fee, tourists are asked to don hardhats and lamps, and then taken, by ex-miners, hundreds of feet down into the bowels of the earth. They get a sense of the potential danger when they are warned that they may not take in cameras with flashbulbs or even battery-operated watches, lest a spark set off an explosion (as there is always gas in the shaft, even though mining has ended).

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When holiday ends life must move on

By
RABBI ISRAEL
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If we take the time to reflect within ourselves, we as Jews, in soul are much like the gypsies — alienated as a minority, and in involuntary exile which appears like a never-ending wasteland.

Despite our successes in all fields of academic endeavour, achievements in business and commerce (which should ordinarily render even the weakest a profound sense of power and security), we as Jews who by now should know our history, must really admit: One gust of wind could blow us back a century, only to drift again as Jews like the classical gypsy.

It is the human condition that the soul of men, women and children pines for roots and security. Never minimize the necessities for protection, warmth and the relaxation which comes with food, drink ad family. How good it is when we are tired, to shut out (or even deny) the turmoil of the marketplace and all the other disaffections which disturb our inner rest.

The gypsy, when exhausted, pitches his tent and camps as a community, there to rest and there to find the tranquility in music of the violins and dance.

The Jewish soul and its gypsy strand live in anticipation of the Holy days, set apart from wanderlust of life.

When is that Holy Day when the world will stand still, when each leaf and tree, each cloud an sea will stand and salute the supreme Commander who proclaims, "Shadai! Enough! Enough of the marketplace!"

To think the camp is near

When? It does not come at once without anticipation. It comes upon the sleepy Jew as if the morning dew would wake him in a field enraptured in sleep . . . not knowing why his rough green bed is suddenly disturbed from the heavens above.

Before he knows his whereabouts the wakening blasts of our ancient trumpet calls Tekeah just enough to bring him to rise and become aware, to begin to think the camp is near, no more to wander, no more to sigh . . . a touch of paradise is quite at hand.

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the Days of Awe are really days for dance, to embrace our fellow person in reconciliation and forgiveness; rising to the "soul music" of the shofar's blast awaiting the feature dance of the Holy Ball — the dance and embrace of his majesty the King, the Ribono Shel Olem G-d himself.

We whisper in his ear the muted tones of Kol Nidre until we can hold back no more. The crescendo ends Yom Kippur night but we come back for more and the finale is the Ne'elah tunes when we are refreshed again with the cleansing mist showered forth from our lips, betrothed again with affection, love and sincerity.

Then, but for a gentle respite from the sombreness of the days of awe and filled with dancing hearts, we gently grasp the victory symbols, the sabre (the Lulav, the willow branches, the Hadassim) and the heart-like symbol (the Esrog) ready to dance again, but now we dance in another world, a world of victory and eternal peace, redeemed seemingly forever.

We embrace the Torah scroll, yes! — Simchat Torah. But then, unfortunately, it is almost over. Yom Tov does end, the caravan of life must move on, the gypsy soul is cast out of this "Paradise regained." However the memory of the Holy days remains . . . which says with hope and faith they will come again.

MOROCCAN JEWS

A group of Moroccan Jews in Casablanca in 1947. Henry Weingluck created this piece of art which is part of a permanent exhibition at Weingluck's Art Gallery, 623 College St. [Ben Lechtman photo]

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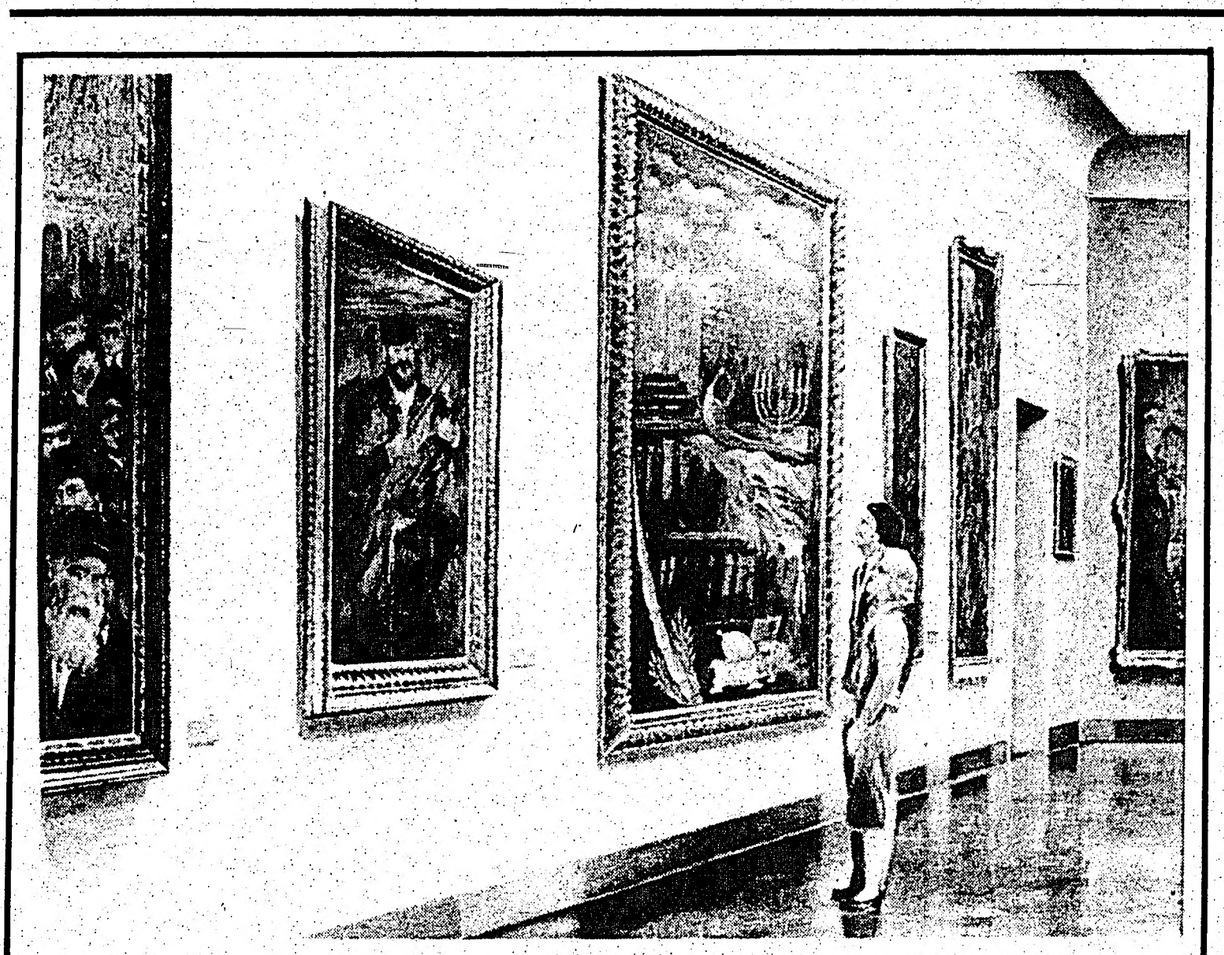

ADMIRING GLANCES

Painting Of An Artist's Painting. Toronto artist Henry Weingluck did this painting of people admiring his work in a museum for his annual presentation in the Rosh Hashanah issue of The CJN. The three paintings in the painting depict, from left: men at the synagogue, the fiddler, and symbols of Rosh Hashanah. The work is on display at Weingluck's Art Gallery, 623 College St. [Ben Lechtman photo]

Historic moments for JWV

By
JOE POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —
To the approximately 152,000 Americans affiliated with 483 posts of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, two events in Washington in August are rivaled in the organization's history only by its founding 98 years ago in New York.

Primary was America's formal recognition of the JWV's existence by Congress, which granted it a charter by Senate and House actions on Aug. 6 and 8 that was signed by President Reagan on Aug. 21. It was adopted on the same days as the Catholic War Veterans charter.

A week after the President had approved the charter, the JWV dedicated its new national headquarters and museum at 1811 R St. Northwest, with Vice-President George Bush participating in affixing a mezuzah on its doorway.

Proudly wearing their service caps that appeared to represent virtually all of the states of the union, some 400 veterans of the last four American wars and women from JWV's auxiliary attended the ceremony conducted outside the 3-storey Georgian-styled brick structure. The program, marked by the presentation of America's colors by the Joint Armed Services Color Guard, marked the opening of the JVW's 89th national convention.

"In war and in peace, the Jewish War Veterans and your Ladies Auxiliary have fought to defend democratic values and to uproot prejudice and hatred wherever they are found," Bush said.

He was applauded for declaring, "We will not remain silent in the face of anti-semitism" and when he stated "the struggle against anti-semitism and the defence of freedom are allied causes and must both be pursued with equal vigor."

In speaking of America's defence, in which he departed from his prepared text, Bush said, "In the Middle East, where we have been sometimes criticized by our opponents, our strategic as well as our moral relationship with Israel has never been stronger.

"We have been criticized for giving peace a chance in that region, but I can tell you today that the U.S. will do all that it can to bring peaceful solutions to the many problems of that region to help Israel live in peace with her neighbors behind safe and secure borders.

"We are dedicated not just to the dream, but to the reality of a Middle East where Jew and Arab live in peace."

The dedication address was delivered by Virginia's Governor Charles S. Robb, who stirred the audience to its warmest bursts of applause by his remarks in support of Israel, the JWV and the movement of America's embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

"If there is one word to symbolize Jewish history, it would be Jerusalem," Robb said. "Jerusalem," he added, "is not negotiable." He firmly endorsed proposed legislation in Congress to transfer the embassy to Jerusalem.

The governor, a son-in-law of President Lyndon B. Johnson, spoke of Israel's "uniqueness in the history of civilization" and an ally of the U.S.

The JWV, he said, "has reminded the American people of the uniqueness of Israel and you must continue to remind them."

He lauded the JWV for its causes of peace for Israel, for Soviet Jewry and against anti-semitism and for its "excellent service" in helping dependents of veterans, low-cost housing, Jewish Boy Scouts, and the construction of the Jewish chapel at West Point.

Memorabilia acquired for the museum include a 500-year-old menorah which had been stolen from Hungary by the Nazis, pictures of Jews in the U.S. military service beginning with the Revolutionary War, and presentations from the late General Julius Kline and from composer Irving Berlin who donated his Army uniform.

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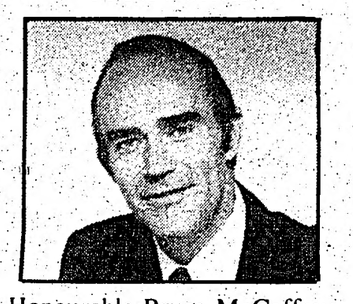

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Judaic laws must be kept

By
RABBI EZRA BOYARSKY

On Wednesday, Sept. 26 at dusk, Jews around the world will gather in their respective houses of worship to usher in the New Year 5745. This initial Rosh Hashanah service will also inaugurate the annual Ten Days of Penitence — the period assigned for individual and collective introspection and spiritual inventory-taking. But this is not all.

In Jewish tradition, Rosh Hashanah commemorates the creation of the world and is the day when every human being — the centrepiece of G-d's creation is summoned before the celestial tribunal for a scrutinizing audit of his or her deeds of the past year. Thus, the Jewish New Year, above and beyond its distinctly Jewish character is also with clearly universal overtones.

The purpose of Rosh Hashanah then extends beyond its obvious moral implications but also serves as a frame of reference for broadening Judaism's vista of the world. This is copiously reflected in the High Holiday liturgy, based on the socio-ethical and moral teachings of the prophets and rabbis and post-biblical eras respectively.

A telling example of the above is found in the Midrash and Talmud Aboda Zara 22: Before giving the Torah to Israel, G-d offered it to the other nations but they refused it and when He did finally give it to the Children of Israel, He revealed it not in the Promised Land but in the extraterritorial Sinai desert . . . and simultaneously in the then 70 existing languages so that people of all nations should have access to it . . .

But alongside this universal approach, the rabbis issued a clear note of caution not to go overboard with it at the expense of the basic Judaic principles, laws and customs lest they fall through the alluring cracks of assimilation and eventual disintegration. They therefore constantly taught that the inseparability of Israel and the Torah to be the most reliable defence against the intrusion of foreign influences.

Admittedly, to negotiate such a tightrope balancing act is no easy task for Jewish communities outside of Israel. But past and recent history has proven beyond dispute that even in the roller-coaster existence of the Jewish people for the last 1,900 years such a judicious balance could be and has actually been successfully performed.

The Golden Age of Spain of the 11th century is one such striking example. Although the Jews in Spain lived as the American Jews do now, in peace and tranquility not only did they assimilate into the gentile majority but did one better, they emerged as one of the best organized and culturally rich, super-productive Jewish settlements in exile.

The same was true of the Eastern European Jewries, notably between the two World Wars. And it can be safely stated that were it not for the highly motivated rank and file Polish, Lithuanian, Romanian and Hungarian Jews — products of a wholesome Jewish education — there could not possibly have arisen the modern State of Israel.

What should not be lost sight of is that both these exemplary Jewries kept full faith with Judaism without yielding to the enticing, external attractions of foreign cultures. Can the same be said about contemporary North Amerian Jewry?

There is no blinking the hard fact that American Jews are afflicted with a galloping process of an eroding assimilation. It isn't that efforts are not being made to alleviate this "iron in the fire" problem but no quick, positive results can be expected from a community so fragmented, which at best is but a shoddy patchwork of organizations and sub-organizations without any one common purpose tying them together.

The solution to this dilemma is simply stated in the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur musaf service: "May all Thy children unite into one fellowship to do Thy will with a perfect heart."

Unique present for daughter

Gift leads to worldwide business

By
DOUGLAS GREENER

JERUSALEM — When Moshe Volk's eldest daughter, Aviva, approached bat mitzvah age a short while ago, he began thinking about a unique present which would typify Israel, the Volk family's newly-adopted country. This gift led to the founding of a flourishing international business, and is to a great extent responsible for the successful absorption of the Volk family in Israel.

The Volks' road to aliya began on an infamous day 14 years ago. On Sept. 5, 1970, an event occurred which shook the world: Palestinian terrorists hijacked five civilian airliners over Europe and forced three of them to fly to a deserted airfield in Jordan.

That event also changed the lives of the Volk family of New York. For on board the hijacked Swissair flight from Zurich to Kennedy Airport was a pregnant Judy Volk and her small daughter Aviva, returning home after a visit to family in Switzerland.

"Judy and the other passengers were released after a week of horrible tension," recalls her husband. "But it got us thinking. Our lives had been bound up with Israel's struggle even though we weren't looking for it. We thought, 'Maybe we should take the opportunity to bind our future even more strongly to Israel."

Eight years later, the Volk family realized their dream. And as soon as they were settled into their new home in Jerusalem, Volk set about reinforcing his family's links with their ancient homeland.

The Israel Museum was a natural starting point. And there, to his delight, Volk found that his children — like thousands of other children — were utterly fascinated. Suddenly their past was coming alive in the ancient archeological finds, the religious objects, and, most of all, the coins.

"Somehow," says Volk, "they were able to relate to the coins, to the idea that these bronze and silver disks were used — actually handled — by their ancestors thousands of years ago. I remembered that fact when I began to think of a bat mitzvah gift for Aviva. We were in Israel. We had come home. I wanted to somehow convey this in a unique way."

The way that Mr. and Mrs. Volk found was to buy an ancient coin, have it mounted in a beautiful 14-carat gold setting, and present it to their daughter on her special day.

The gift proved so popular and drew such admiration that Volk soon decided to create similar pieces of jewelry for his wife, the rest of their children, and the many admirers who soon came calling with special requests.

It was a stroke of genius, which Volk humbly acknowledges. Today, his Avarida Group is exporting these ancient coins set in gold jewelry throughout Europe and North America.

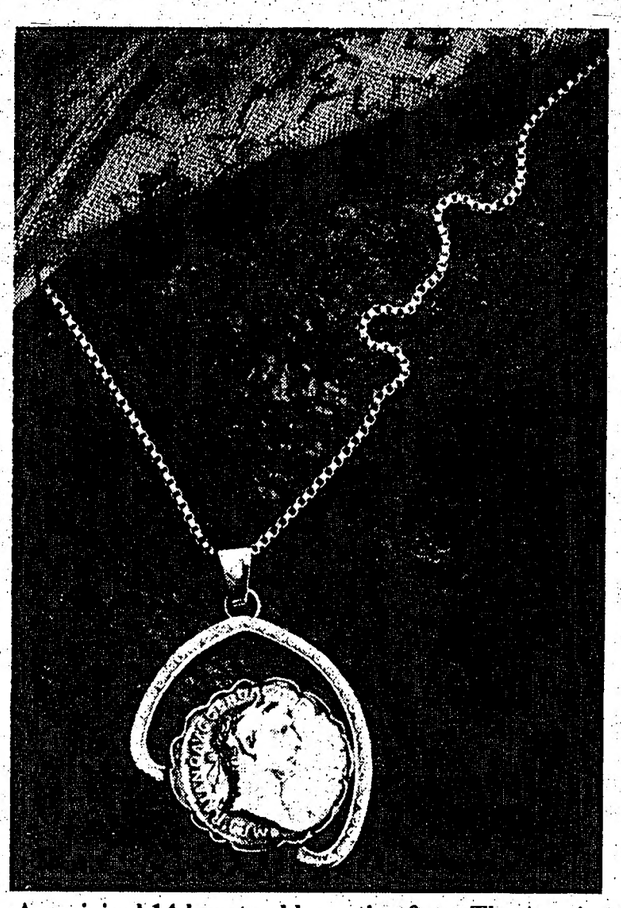
Volk believes that antique coin jewelry is proving popular "because the coins represent the roots of western culture — be they Greek, Roman or Hebrew. They are sources of pride and tokens of originality at the same time. Because of the many possible combinations used in minting the two sides of each coin, and the interesting effects of aging, patinas and encrustations, no two coins are exactly alike.

"There's also something intriguing about wearing a 2,000-year-old coin in a frame of beautifully designed gold jewelry," continues Volk. "It certainly is a conversation starter — and who doesn't welcome the opportunity to talk about what she's wearing?"

Volk personally researches the authenticity and historical setting of each coin, and every piece of jewelry sold by Avarida comes with a "Certificate of Authenticity" attesting that the coin is genuine, and describing it in detail.

Although large supplies of antique coins are available in Israel, they are definitely a "finite resource." By taking the coins out of the exclusive realm of numismatists and using quantities of them in jewelry, Volk foresees that their market value will increase sharply in the near future.

Now, not only does Aviva wear an antique coin in a beautiful piece of jewelry, so do thousands of other women and young ladies, all of whom are enthusiastically endorsing Moshe Volk's "bat mitzvah brainstorm."



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Humor darker than meets the eye

Cartoonist takes serious look at life in Israel

By
MOSHE VINE

JERUSALEM [WZPS] — Ya'akov Kirschen is Israel's most celebrated cartoonist.

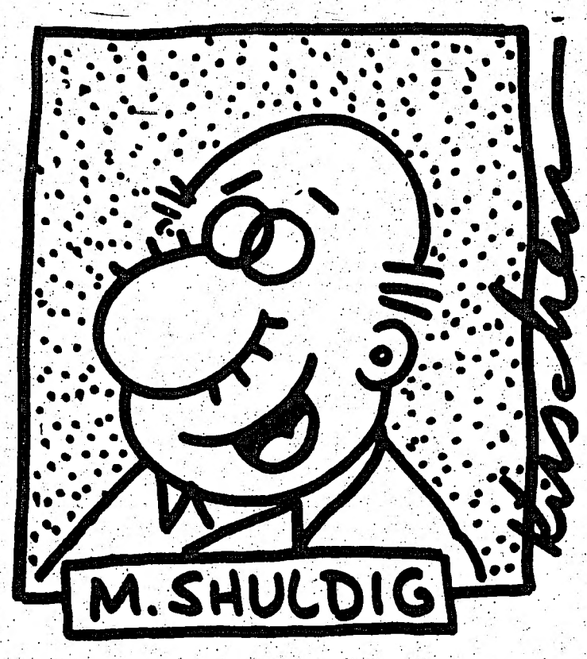
His cartoon strip provides six little boxes chock full of satire and commentary about Israel and the world. It is now 13 years since the American - born humorist completed his aliya to Israel and Kirschen, Israel's "Dry Bones," continues to grow in popularity.

But behind it all is a man who thinks seriously about Israel and the choices which face her. His jokes are not created from a vacuum. They reflect both a viewpoint and a philosophical approach to life.

When questioned about his view of 5744, Kirschen answers from his own special area of expertise — with a joke. "What is the hallmark of a successful Russian historian?" he asks. The answer: "He is able to predict the past."

The humor is darker than at first meets the eye. According to Kirschen, "the Soviet government as a matter of course rewrites its encyclopedias, its history books, its chronicles of what has been. At any point in time the decision is made about what the past was."

Kirschen quickly expanded the joke and applied it to Israel today: the question of where Jewish settlement was permitted, a question which was once raised frequently during the Mandate period, became a part of the current events of our day to day lives. Athough we may not be prepared to admit it, the history of Israel since the Balfour Declaration has looped back on itself. Part of our population is saying we're doing just what we did then and the other part is saying just as adamantly — now is not then.



Mr. Shuldig, the star of Dry Bones.

"Both parts of Israel's population," Kirschen notes, "are always anxious to construct a logical history which best fits their categories. Whereas at one point the party out of power considered itself the 'set upon minority,' now just the opposite is the case. Settlers in one part of the country react to the call of one ideological line; while settlers in another part of the land are revitalized by the other ideological bent. It is clearer today than ever that this has always been a part of the development of Israel — this dualism of opinions."

Kirschen, whose Dry Bones commentaries often reflect the self-criticism which is characteristic of Israeli society, believes that such a phenomenon is a reflection of the idealism which still exists in Israel. And, of course, he demonstrates his point with a joke: "Two emissaries from the Holy Land, from Eretz Yisrael, come to Rothschild to raise money for their yeshivot. One describes how the Yishuv is irreligious, atheistic and how only the handful of souls at his yeshiva are keeping the light aglow. Rothschild says he can't help right now and sends the man away.

The second emissary, when asked to describe conditions in the Holy Land, explains that the majority of the population is ripe to be reached by the message of his yeshiva — opportunities for revival are great. Rothschild quickly gives him a check.

Now the first emissary is upset and complains. Rothschild is quick to reply that he liked the other emissary's portrayal of Eretz Yisrael more.

"An analysis of Israel by any idealist living in the country has to show the country in a less than perfect light. Unlike countries in the West we have an unstable currency and severe economic difficulties. On the other hand," he states, "we do not have homeless citizens sleeping in parks and doorways. Unlike the West we feel a familial responsibility one for the other, and it expresses itself on a daily basis.

"However, let's be candid about it, economic difficulties is hard news and that's what gets paraded through the papers and that's what is shown on the TV. Therefore, while in Israel we dwell on our shortcomings, as the severe critics we all are, those of our people outside of Israel should not be blinded to the fact that we have here a uniquely Jewish society which is growing, changing and, most important, functioning."

In the last few years Ya'akov Kirschen has pioneered a new field in blending computer technology with cartoon communications. At the General Assembly of Jewish Federations in Atlanta, in 1983, a number of his programs were exhibited and as he looks to the future with the New Year of 5745 ahead, he decided to use hi-tech terminology as a way of framing his view of what lies ahead.

"Israel lacks raw materials," Kirschen noted, "so for that reason highly demanding skilled work is the natural direction in which to expand. In the past diamond cutting and trading were stressed because of this fact. Now, with the dawn of hi-tech, Kirschen said with real authority, "native abilities here in Israel are turning more and more to computers, computer software and electronic systems.

"Slowly but surely the world is beginning to notice Israeli hi-tech. This industry could very well be the answer to Israel's economic problems."

Ya'akov Kirschen, a man whose cartoons have made us laugh while at the same time look more closely at the society in which we live, was asked what message he would have for Am Yisrael in this New Year: "The light is supposed to go out from Zion. At this point it is beginning to look as if that light might be an LED on some Israeli chip board."

Then, concluding his thoughts in typical Kirschen fashion, "I guess what I am saying is that the future looks a lot brighter than we care to admit, because, after all, such an admission would be a real kein hanoreh!."

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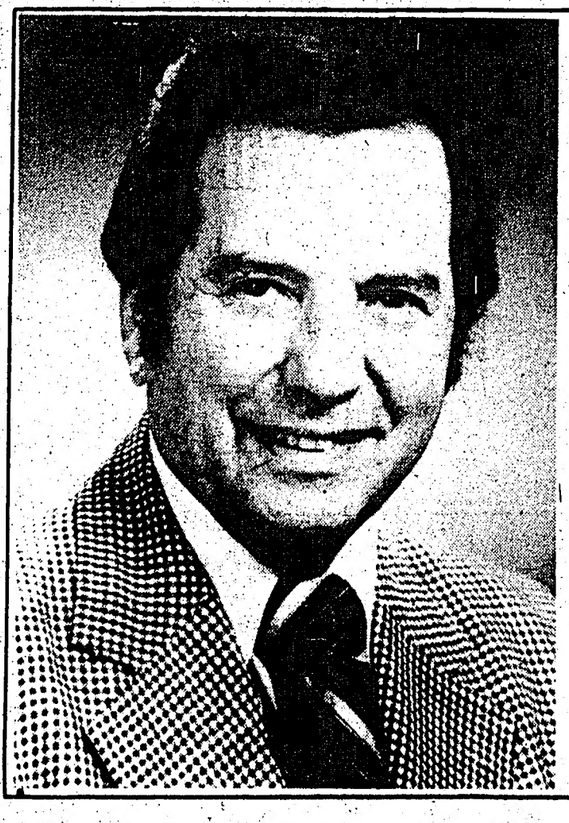

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Rodensky gets nod as greatest Tevye

By
ERIKA OYSERMAN

Shmuel [Mula] Rodensky

TEL AVIV [WZPS] — When Broadway's Fiddler on the Roof marked its 2,225th performance in 1972, its producers decided to celebrate and stars from all over the world were flown in to New York for the festive gala performance and banquet which followed.

The "four Tevyes," who over the years made a world sucess of Sholom Aleichem's human story now transformed into the most popular musical hit in the international theatre, were of course present. One of them, Shmuel (Mula) Rodensky, a veteran actor of the Hebrew stage, held audiences breathless in Germany and many other European countries, during his 1,700 performances of Fiddler.

The actors who had brought Tevye to life on various stages, performed that evening together, each one of them bringing bits and pieces from the musical in the language in which they had performed.

The following day, the New York Times ran the following headline on its front page: "There is no better Tevye than Shmuel Rodensky." And Haim Topol, another Israeli actor, who made of Fiddler on the roof a London hit, agreed with modesty: "Rodensky is indeed the greatest."

Rodensky himself, in his spacious and pleasantly cool apartment on the 4th floor of a Tel Aviv multistoreyed condominium, says in his powerful voice: "I was certainly the only Tevye who performed in three languages: Hebrew, Yiddish and German."

Many people say that the person responsible for his dynamic vitality is Nura, his wife for over 50 years.

Today, 125 years since Sholom Aleichem's birth, I asked the Rodenskys: "Do you think that Sholom Aleichem, in his wildest dreams, might have imagined such a revival of his works? And did you, Rodensky, ever dream in the old days that you would perform Tevye the Milkman in Germany 1,700 times?"

Rodensky waved his hand silently in the air, in a way which Tevye might have done in answer to such puzzles in life, while Nura shook her head.

"When the offer from Germany came 15 or 16 years ago," says Rodensky, "my first instinctive reaction was to turn it down. The Holocaust was still fresh in my mind. My parents had perished in the Vilna ghetto.

"But then I received a letter from Asher Ben Nathan, at that time Israel's ambassador to Germany. Ben Nathan begged me in his letter to take the part. He wrote that should I refuse, the part would go to a German actor and with all the talent and the best intentions he and his producers and director might have, Tevye, as performed by a German, might become a classical caricature of the suppressed Jew on stage.."

Rodensky decided to accept the offer, in spite of the controversy it sparked throughout Israel. The late poet and publicist Nathan Alterman, known for his adoration of Ben Gurion, fumed in anger. Others said: "Even Ben Gurion after his first meeting with Adenauer is known to have said that "there is a new Germany born today." Alterman answered: "This was the only thing Ben Gurion said that I do not agree with."

In the midst of such contention, the Rodenskys packed their bags and made their way to Germany.

"We arrived shortly after the Six Day War," says Rodensky, "and I felt that the Germans were receiving me as if I had been a hero of the status of Moshe Dayan. Then the feeling crept over me that I was not just Rodensky the Hebrew actor, but that I was performing the task of emissary of our country."

And in fact, the Rodenskys were often guests of honor at lavish receptions given by heads of state, prime ministers, ambassadors, etc.

"Rodensky worked hard," says Nura. "Eight shows per week, three hours on stage each time. Twice a week there were two performances a day and that meant being on stage for six full hours.

"Each evening I was there next to him behind the curtain. It was hard work and very tiring. I did whatever I could in order to see to it that he got regular rest and home cooked meals in our hotel apartment."

Rodensky's success was astonishing and within no time at all he had earned the adoration and copious sympathy of the public.

In 1972, when Rodensky learned that Palestinian Arab terrorists had murdered 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympic Games, he stopped the show in the middle and did not perform for three days thereafter until the Israeli ambassador told him that the bodies had been transferred to Israel. The Germans who had bought tickets months in advance kept silent.

When Rodensky first came to Eretz Israel in order to become an actor, his middle class prejudiced parents managed to utter: "What, also an actor and also to leave for Eretz Israel?" This was too much for them. Later on they joined their son in Eretz Israel, received a letter before the outbreak of World War II to return to Germany and sell their property, went back and perished in the Holocaust.

Nura and Shmuel met in 1925 when they were both performing in the first theatre founded in Eretz Israel: the TEI, Teatron Eretz Israeli. From TEI, Rodensky moved to the satirical theatre of those days, the Broom (HaMatateh) and there is performed for some 20 years, sweeping with the theatre's stage broom most of the country's ills on its stage.

Year after year he found himself applying to the National Theatre Habimah for a job, being rejected year after year until finally being offered a part. Ever since, Rodensky has been a member of this much coveted ensemble which today represents the National Theatre of Israel.

This year, Rodensky received the highest distinction Israel awards to its creative people: The Israel Prize. This, only after the Germans bestowed upon him titles and certificates of merit, and after many a Jewish and non-Jewish community inscribed him in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

The Rodenskys are still living the same life they have been used to for many a year. Journalists and TV crews arrive with monotonous regularity every year in order to interview and photograph Rodensky for various magazines and TV shows.

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Fraud, murder part of story

House has intriguing past

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM — What kind of excitement, drama, glamor or fascination can be found in an old stone house? It all depends on who lived there and what happened there. This is the brief tale of such a house, in the heart of Jerusalem.

The house of which we speak was constructed about the middle of the last century for a wealthy Arab dignitary by the name of Aga Rashid. It was one of the very early buildings put up outside the old city walls, just a stone's throw from a winding lane called Jaffa Road.

Perhaps it was too far from the teeming centre of activity, but Rashid soon rented it to Moses W. Shapira, a dealer in antiquities. The latter, though born a Jew, had been baptized and raised his family as Christians.

His daughter, Miryam, in a charming account of her childhood, describes the magnificent stone building and the lovely garden surrounding it. She tells of the trips her father used to make into the Land of Moab and elsewhere in the Middle East, looking for antiquities which he then sold on the European markets.

One day he came home in great excitement, displaying scraps of weathered scrolls, with ancient Hebrew writing, which he had bought from Arabs in the Dead Sea area. Miryam describes the long hours her father spent over them, unrolling and deciphering them. He then hastened off to Berlin and London to offer them for sale.

She does not tell, or perhaps did not know at the time, that a dozen years earlier her father had been found guilty of fabricating "ancient" Moabite pottery.

Shapira had his moments of glory in London, but the experts soon came to the conclusion that the scrolls were frauds too. They were withdrawn from display in the British Museum, and the scrolls which had been spread across the tables in the old stone house in Jerusalem were sold cheaply as curios. They have since disappeared, but in view of the more recent finding of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls, modern experts would love to get their hands on them again.

The antiquarian was disgraced. He committed suicide in despair, and his family vacated the house in 1924.

The new city of Jerusalem grew around the building. Chief Rabbi Kook lived next door. In 1924 Dr. Avraham Ticho and his wife, Anna, moved in. Ticho had gone to Jerusalem from Europe in 1912 to set up an eye clinic. He is credited with having done more to reduce trachoma in the country, especially among Arabs, than any other individual. The old stone building was ideal as both a home and a clinic, and patients came to him from everywhere. At times entire Arab families would camp out in the garden, awaiting treatment.

One of his patients was Emir Abdullah, of Jordan, who came to the house and later expressed his gratitude for the helpful spectacles.

Doctor stabbed in back

All was not entirely tranquil. During the 1929 riots an Arab fanatic stabbed the good doctor in the back at the very entrance of the building. The victim hovered between life and death, and the chief rabbinate issued a call to the entire country to pray for his recovery. Arabs joined in the prayers.

Dr. Ticho did recover. The house became a salon where the Tichos entertained leading personalities in the professional, artistic and social life of the city.

Ticho died in 1960, and his widow continued to live there. She had gained prominence on her own as a distinguished artist whose works had been exhibited far and wide, including at the Palestine Pavilion of the World's Fair in 1939 and at many shows thereafter. In 1964 she was awarded the Israel Prize for art, and once again in 1980, but she did not live to receive it the second time.

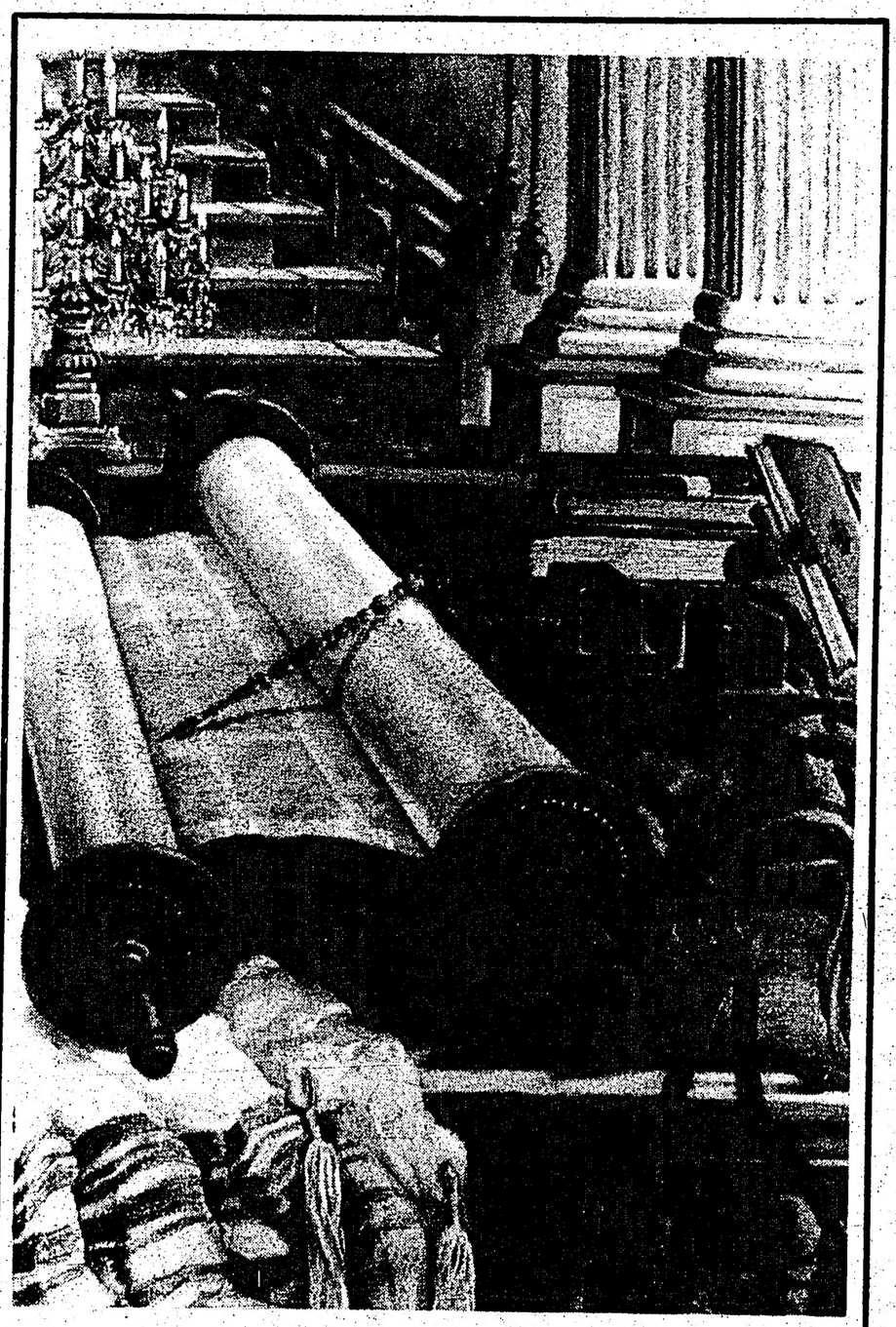
The old building still stands, launched on a new career. In her will Anna Ticho bequeathed it to the people of Jerusalem to serve as a public centre for the arts. It is administered by the Israel Museum.

This summer a dairy restaurant was opened on the premises and is rapidly become one of the city's most attractive dining spots. In warm weather, meals are served in the garden, where the Arabs once camped, and where the excellent food is enhanced by the pleasant and historic atmosphere.

Following the meal, the diners may tour the building and its exhibits. If they listen carefully and observe keenly they may hear the footsteps of Aga Rashid, or the rustling of the Shapira scrolls. They step carefully over the entry, once marked by the blood of Dr. Ticho, and they can admire the work of Anna Ticho, now considered to have been among Israel's greatest artists.

Bet Ticho is on a little alley, just off No. 9 Harav Kook St., itself a short thoroughfare running between Jaffa Road and Haneviim St.

This, too, is one of the charms of glorious Jerusalem.



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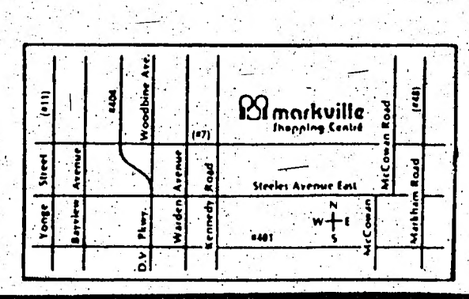

לשנה טובה תכתבו

Youth village rights the wrongs

Unique way found to handle problem children

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM — When beaming, 12-year-old Sara Levy was received recently by Israeli President Chaim Herzog, as part of a delegation of outstanding elementary school pupils, no one could have guessed that just five years before, she had been an unkempt, scarcely human creature who had never even set foot in school.

Levy's transformation is the work of the Neve Yehuda Village, south of Tel Aviv, which breaks all the rules of dealing with problem children and yet succeeds in rehabilitating most of those who come its way.

According to the "accepted wisdom," children from "bad homes" should be completely removed from their environment and "resocialized" elsewhere. This philosophy is rejected by the people who run Neve Yehuda, where over half the children are within walking distance of their former homes and where there is close contact between children and parents, even if the latter are drug addicts, prostitutes or just run-of-the-mill social misfits.

Whatever the problems created by this approach, says Neve Yehuda director Motti Benau, it prevents the parents from feeling that "someone stole their child" and the child from feeling that "he was thrown out by his parents."

The links between parents and children remain strong, and sometimes it is possible — in cooperation with local social welfare agencies — to rehabilitate both generations at one and the same time.

This happened with Levy and her mother. When Motti visited their apartment for the first time, he was overwhelmed by the filth and stench; moreover, he thought initially that the little 7-year-old girl cowering in the corner and sucking on a baby's bottle must be retarded. Her vocabulary was limited to a few simple words and, as Motti soon learned, she had never attended school.

The mother, a widow in her early 50s who simply couldn't cope, was more than pleased when Motti offered to take Levy to Neve Yehuda. There, in less than a year, she began looking and acting like a normal little girl, and her mother, relieved of the burden of caring for her, began to function normally.

Now the mother has a regular job — working as a cleaning woman in a nearby department store — and enjoys the respect of both her daughter and her community.

In another case, Neve Yehuda not only helped a little boy called Yossie, who was constantly being beaten by his father, but also contributed to the latter's rehabilitation.

Shortly after Yossie went to Neve Yehuda, his father went to jail for selling drugs. Yet despite what the father had done to his son and the crime he had committed, Motti took the little boy, week after week, to visit him in prison.

The man suspected Motti's motives, and yet he was pleased to see his son, particularly when it became clear that the boy was becoming a good student.

This, in turn, began to change his own attitude towards society, to the extent that he eventually became a model prisoner. This transformation and a recommendation from Motti, convinced the prison authorities to give him an early release.

Now the man is back home and holds down a regular job as a garage mechanic. But he is never too busy to come to Neve Yehuda when repairs are needed, and to carry them out free of charge.

Neve Yehuda is located in what was once a school building and then, for a long time, served as a hangout for prostitutes and drug addicts. Since the establishment of the youth village, the former classrooms have been turned into living quarters for seven "families," each of them with a dozen or so children between the ages of 5 and 15.

Each "family" is headed by a couple in their 30s who have their hands full taking care of their "adopted children" as well as their own.

But like all well-organized families, the older kids help the younger ones to get dressed, make their beds and do their homework. So things somehow work out.

There are several other youth villages like Neve Yehuda, but not many. This is because most of the available funds for this type of activity are invested in programs for teenagers, an approach which Motti considers "a great mistake."

"By that time," he declares, "it may be too late. We should be getting the problem kids when they are 5 or 6. Then there is still a very good chance of saving them."

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Busy director works on two mini-series

By HEATHER SOLOMON

MONTREAL — Walking into James Shavick's home, you'd expect to have to step over camera cables, duck out of the way of a gesticulating director or save your limbs from the clacking jaws of a scene board. But there is one of Montreal's foremost film producers sitting quietly with his wife Rachel who is expecting their second child any day now. The most active person in the room is 2-year-old Amy Jessica.

Then the phone rings and it's screenwriter Lionel Chetwynd calling from Los Angeles to iron out details on the Hanoi Hilton project, a major television mini-series about forgotten POW American flyers in a Hanoi prison.

Shavick is also working with Chetwynd on another mini-series, this one thematically Canadian, on the Dieppe raid.

The two have had a burgeoning working relationship since 1975 when Chetwynd penned the brilliant screenplay for Shavick's first major feature film, Two Solitudes, starring Stacy Keach and Jean-Pierre Aumond.

"I was a kid, only 23, when I bought the film rights from Hugh MacLennan with my bar mitzvah money," recalls the producer, now 32.

With maturity and highly recognized work in the entertainment industry, Shavick now has big names seeking him out. His most immediate project is the brainchild of Quebec composer/pianist Andre Gagnon.

"We agreed to do a special in Israel. Andre has a personal love for the country, has been there and was struck by the beauty of the area, the dynamic population and the high quality of musicians available in such a small concentration of people," explains Shavick about Gagnon's unique request.

Gagnon had already packed two CBC specials under his belt, soloed with Canada's major orchestras and wanted an "exotic location."

To ensure his vision of a very different variety special, Shavick plans to lower a grand piano onto the top of Masada and film the opening with Gagnon at the keys. The host performer will also be shown milling through the Jerusalem marketplace, joining a kibbutz entertainment night and serenading at dusk in the open-air amphitheatre in Caesaria.

Canadian, European and local guest stars will round out the entertainment.

Co-production arrangements are being finalized for shooting in October and Shavick is convinced that Israel "is an exciting place for Canadian producers. The Israelis work a 6-day week as opposed to our five, they think and work in English which is important for an 'exotic' location. The technicians are trained to high British, American or European standards and the electrical current is regular. You don't have to worry about the lights going out on you with the exception of the ultimate risk that Israelis live under: war but you have to take that risk."

Film producer James Shavick prepares Israeli projects.

The Gagnon special will be aired on First Choice pay TV followed at a much later date by general TV syndication.

A second Israeli project being considered by Shavick is a youth-oriented feature dealing with summer students on a border kibbutz who lead a Rocky-like stand against the army that intends to confiscate the kibbutz for defense purposes.

"With each movie a producer has a different role. A lot of people think it's a creative thing but that's only a small portion.

It's mostly like any other business — deal making, letters of credit and investors, banks, foreign exchange rates. My grandfather was very pleased that one of the family became an entrepreneur," he says.

Shavick's grandfather, Albert Jacob Walker (after whom his daughter is named), was a renowned furrier who made Queen Elizabeth's coronation coat, was one of the first Canadians to receive the Legion d'Honneur for helping create the fashion industry in France, was a New York retail tycoon and became Holt Renfrew's president and chairman of the board — posts which his son-in-law Leonard Shavick has taken over.

James Shavick, who was originally being groomed to follow in their footsteps took the business acumen, added a degree in cinematography from Sir George Williams University where he won numerous student film awards, ripened it with extensive documentary filmmaking in tandem with the Canada Council and National Film Board — and ended up with advantageous hands-on experience in shooting and cutting film.

Shavick works from Astral Films where his office is located under his own company name, James Shavick Film and Video Group.

With such movies to his credit as Final Assignment starring Michael York and Genevieve Bujold, Until Death Do Us Part, Dis-moi le si je te derange starring "Mamma Plouffe" Juliette Huot and the satiric video The Sex and Violence Family Show written by Laugh-In's Chris Beard, Shavick is preparing to add, with video partner Harvey Frost, a pay TV comedy special starring The Unknown Comic (Murray Langston), a TV comedy series entitled 2014 about funny future shock, films based on Leonard Cohen's writings and a movie comedy being produced with Astral called Mr. 303 about the agonies and revenge of apartment dwellers plagued by noisy neighbors.

Meanwhile, Shavick's suitcase is packed for Israel, his wife's is packed for the hospital and the two plan to deliver new arrivals with very bright futures.

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Budapest 30 years later

Homeland return stirs emotions

By
RUTH MASON

BUDAPEST —

For 30 years, my husband and his family have described Budapest to me, and now, after all this time, he, with me at his side, returned to his birthplace.

Was Thomas Wolfe correct when he said one can't go home again? I feel a little apprehensive and am watching closely.

It is all there, stored away in his memory. We pass an intersection and he chuckles with a private remembrance. He drives the car intensely, looking for an address, misses it, circles back, finds it with satisfaction. The street is now one way. Many street names are Russianized. Some buildings have disappeared.

We make a private pilgrimage to Brody Sandor number 19 where he was a young boy. It is the same, but different, perhaps shabbier, 30 years older.

He pauses to take a photograph in the courtyard before continuing on to the Dohani Synagogue. The visit becomes an intense emotional experience for both of us.

The museum of the synagogue contains beautiful ritual objects, kiddush cups, seder plates of Bohemian china, silver, embroideries.

A young visitor,(overalls used to denote "from the country" but international and national dress codes have changed) solemnly pointing to one particularly ornate silver Torah crown, explains in Hungarian to his companion: "That is the crown the Jewish priest wears."

His companion responds just as solemnly, "Sure looks heavy." It is a relief to smile at their misconception.

The museum also houses a moving memorial to the Hungarian Jews who perished in the Holocaust. We stand a long time examining the collection of photographs, newspapers, posters.

"Do not deal with Jews," warns a poster depicting an accusing finger. Others show ugly caricatures.

We think of those we love who did not return. Silently we search the faces in the photogaphs taken in encampments, in railway stations, on the long march.

Again I remember the courage of Raoul Wallenberg. One woman resembles Anu, a man looks like Papa. They all seem vaguely familiar . . . they are Jewish faces.

When we visit the exhibit on the floor above, depicting a revival of Jewish life in Budapest, I see the same Jewish eyes in the photographs of recent bar mitzvah boys, of Jewish brides, of the celebrants at Chanukah and Purim festivals.

Indeed, there seems to be a healthy resurgence of Jewish life in Budapest. The synagogue holds regular services and is full. The custodian who supplies the figures is not Jewish, but appointed by the state.

We don't question his facts — I am sure they are carefully documented. In fact, life seems to be quite cheerful for everyone. Unlike Prague, there is noisy traffic on all the streets. On Sunday, the zoo and lovely surrounding parks are filled with happy families.

Rowers enjoy the pond in the park, and diners still enjoy the famous palacintas (crepes) in chocolate sauce in the garden of the long established Grundel restaurant.

The service is still old fashioned and elegant with deep bows from the waist, and dialogue ridiculous in conversation.

The waiter says, "I wish you dear healthy, and kiss your hand," or "Please command me, dear sir." (Fotunately, I don't understand a word of all this. I smile — I hope graciously. My dear companion laughs out loud).

There are many complaints, mostly about the lack of money. The Russians are said to be around, but they keep a low profile. There are no Russian soldiers on the streets in the city.

Perhaps the Hungarian attitude is summed up by this comment by an elegant couple: "The Turks temporarily occupied us for 150 years, the Germans for less than one, and the Russians . . . are here temporarily for almost 40!"

Caviar and real pate de foie are readily available. At $1.80 a serving we certainly indulged, but that is still expensive for Hungarians.

"If only we could afford to live the way we live," is a popular saying accompanied by a typical Hungarian shrug and a chuckle.

Another day, we dine at the Hungaria, amidst marble and gilt opulence befitting an opera house at the turn of the century. My husband remembers another evening there many years ago.

"We had put all our money together, but we could afford only one bottle of wine for six of us."

I see them, six brash young hopefuls, hair slicked, best suits, ties . . . of course.

"A diner at the next table sent a bottle of wine over with the message, 'Please invite my daughter to dance.' So we had two bottles!"

Tonight, the diner at the next table is in shirtsleeves and carries a plastic shopping bag. He appears a strange contrast to the gilt columns, frosted glass globes, the glittering mirrors of the palatial Art Nouveau of the Hungaria.

We feast on pate de foie and caviar. Living well is certainly the best revenge. Our $20 meal with wine is about-one third the average Hungarian monthly salary.

So, I ponder, it seems a shirtsleeved worker may now dine at the opulent Hungaria, but who could afford it?

Perhaps, still, only if six young men put their money together for one bottle of wine. Plus ca change, etc.

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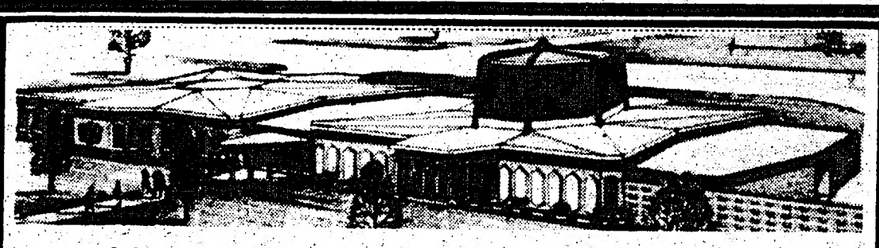

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Cabbies deserve medals

Israelis make visitors feel wanted

By
BEN ROSE

HAIFA —

Most Israeli bus drivers deserve a place in heaven — they make getting around on your own in Israel possible, even a pleasure.

They make change, give receipts, turn up the radio so everyone can hear the news, give directions, flirt with pretty passengers and steer through impossible traffic.

Most of the time they even remember to call your stop.

My wife, Fan, and I certainly want to give a medal to the bus driver, who at the end of his run, took us six blocks out of his way so we could find the elusive stop in downtown Haifa where you catch a bus for The Technion.

We've got another one for the young couple who found us wandering aimlessly, poring over a map at a street corner, trying to find our way back to the Carmelia Hotel. It was near midnight, there was little or no bus service because of Shavuoth eve, and the taxis and sheruts had disappeared.

Overlooks beautiful harbor

We had decided to hoof it on our own from Promenade Hill, overlooking the beautiful harbor, but went astray. "Hop in," the husband said, and in 10 minutes we were deposited at the hotel. They would accept no payment.

We found people in all walks of life helpful as we visited Israel for the first time. They can spot a tourist a mile off (no wonder, with our floppy hats, shoulder bags and cameras.) There we were on a crowded bus in Jerusalem, unable to read street signs, and wondering where to get off to visit Yad Vashem. A young man beside me appeared to be dozing. Suddenly he awoke, nudged my arm and said, "This is Yad Vashem" I hadn't even told him where we wanted to go!

In Haifa we were delighted at the number of contemporaries who understood our fractured Yiddish. (Unfortunately, we know no Hebrew. Often it was easier to get directions in Yiddish than in English.

An oldtimer's face lit up at the bus stop when I asked for "nontzen," (19).

"Ve zoy geits in Canada?"

"Nisht fraelich, a soch menshen arbit nisht."

A perplexed look crossed his face. "Ver vill avec nemen dein lund?" he asked. He had indeed reduced the situation to its essentials — from his point of view.

At another bus stop, a wiry, elderly man, sitting on a bench, welcomed a chance to speak Yiddish.

"De kenst vi Nordau St. is?"

"Kim mit mer, ich gai dorten."

"Sis zar veit?"

"Zar veit!" this with a twinkle in his eye.

In Yiddish he explained that he would not walk if it was far, as he has a heart condition.

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In some smaller hotel lobbies in Haifa, Tel Aviv, Tiberias and Jerusalem, what appeared to be a fierce argument in Hebrew would break out among the staff about the best way to get to a certain place. From experience, we found the best thing to do was to wait silently for a consensus.

The currency market was so active that there were lineups waiting for the banks to open. There were lineups, too, at all hours, at the Israeli equivalents of the Instabanks and Green Machines. In one bank in Jerusalem, at the foreign currency department, so many were waiting, I had to take a number.

Presently a man sat down beside me, and thinking to be helpful, I said he had to get a number. He turned on me, not speaking excellent English, said: "I have a lower number than you, I was here before you. I do not have to hold my number in my hand, I can remember it up here." He pointed to his head. I was suitably squelched.

A few moments later, noticing my Canadian passport, and remonstrating with himself for being so touchy with a tourist, he said to me: "Why don't you go to the money changers in the Old City. They will cash your travelers' checks and pay 240 shekels to the dollar, instead of 210 like the bank." (The Old City, within the walls, is the only place in Israel where money changers can operate legally — it harks back to the reunification agreement.)

Later that day, acting on his advice, we found to our dismay that the money changers would pay the extra amount only on travelers' checks purchased outside Israel. We had indeed bought some in Canada (in U.S. funds) but we were now down to U.S. checks we had bought at a bank in Israel. So our dream of new-found wealth vanished.

Many times on walks we turned down people who sidled up offering above the legal exchange rate for U.S. currency.

In Haifa, three players welcomed me into a tennis match on municipal courts, with "Shabat Shalom," and invited me to come back again. I was also welcomed into a game at the YMCA courts in Jerusalem, opposite the King David Hotel.

Helpful as they were, we did become accustomed to the odd example of Israel exasperation with tourists. In the tourism minsitry's office in Haifa, a volunteer woman at the counter welcomed all queries till I asked her where I could find out the bus schedule from Tiberias (our next stop) to Jerusalem. "When you get to Tiberias you'll find out when the bus leaves for Jerusalem . . . why do you need to know now?"

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Site of first parliament buildings

Dig hopes to uncover lives of parliamentarians

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — History can often be found in the least likely places, such as an old dilapidated parking lot in downtown Toronto. It was here that the first parliament buildings of Ontario were constructed over 150 years ago.

Today the Ontario Heritage Foundation is conducting an archeological dig at the corner of John and Simcoe Streets (across from the Toronto Convention Centre) to discover how this province's early parliamenarians lived and worked.

While the project has received government support from all levels, the Ontario Heritage Foundation is seeking additional funding to continue excavation work and is offering donors of $100 or more the opportunity of obtaining one of the bricks from the first parliament buildings. A minimum donation of $15 will give donors an art color poster of a John George Howard reproduction of the first buildings, painted in 1834.

"The dig is especially important during this year — Ontario's bicentennial and Toronto's sesquicentennial — it underlines the significance of this city to Canada and Ontario's development," said John White, chairman of the Ontario Heritage Foundation at a recent press conference held at Roy Thomson Hall. "Toronto is truly a capital city with a fascinating past."

After Confederation they became the first parliament buildings of the new province of Ontario. In 1892 the legislature was moved to the present location at Queen's Park and the old parliament buildings were demolished in 1902.

To date, excavators have unearthed a number of artifacts from the 1800s providing evidence of the people who lived and worked in the area at the time. Among the many artifacts was a sheep bone, belt buckle and a collection of smoking pipes.

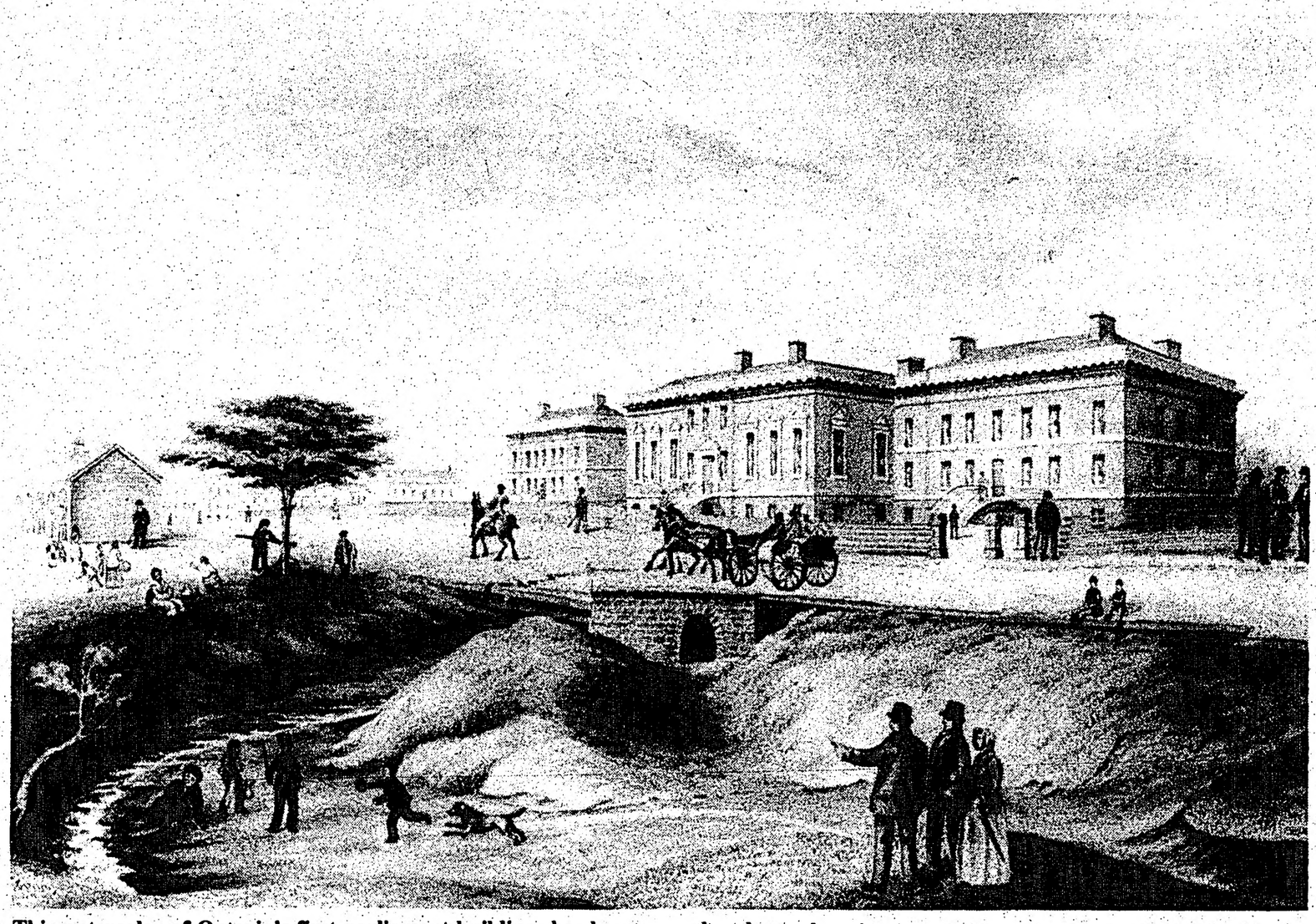
Toad bones were also found in the basement of the buildings. Peter Hamalainen, the project's field director, told The CJN at the press conference that since the buildings were built below water level back in the 1800s, the basements were often wet and this attracted toads.

A number of artifacts from the Grand Trunk Railroad have also been unearthed. The railroad leased the site after the parliament buildings were demolished and used it as a freight yard until 1920. The Canadian National Railway then took over the freight yards and used them with only minor changes for 45 years. The tracks were finally removed in 1965.

The artifacts found at this level include a medicine bottle, a reconstructed pop bottle and a boxcar seal.

The site is now owned by the CBC and will be developed into its English language headquarters in the future.

Donations can be made at the excavation site or by contacting the Ontario Heritage Foundation, 77 Bloor St. W., Toronto, M7A 2R9 or call 965-9504.



This watercolor of Ontario's first parliament buildings has been reproduced as a donation incentive to raise funds for the excavation of the buildings.

Indicate location

The bricks have been recorded and given a serial number indicating the location and date of recovery. Only 300 bricks are being made available to the public and will be distributed in the Metro Toronto area only.

The bricks were first laid into the parliament buildings of Upper Canada in 1832. During the 19th century the buildings underwent many changes and renovations. As well as being the seat for the legislature, the buildings functioned as Kings College Faculty of Medicine from 1842-1849, a lunatic asylum from 1848-1856 and the army barracks from 1861-1866.

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A walk through the Holy Land

Hiking the way to travel in Israel

By
ELLIOTT KATZ

JERUSALEM —
For millenia, since Abraham was commanded by God, "Arise, walk through the land, in the length of it and the breadth of it" (Genesis 13:17), trekkers, whether soldiers, travelers, traders or crusaders have walked through the Land of Israel.

Hiking an ancient path in the Holy Land intrigued my friends and me. We wanted a not difficult day trip from Jerusalem that would take us into scenic secluded backcountry and chose the valley of Wadi Qelt (wadi is a dry river bed) that winds through the mountains of the Judean Desert and down to the Jordan Plain.

Wadi Qelt, also called Nahal Perath, is believed to be the biblical location of the Valley of Achor where Achan was stoned to death for helping himself to some of the booty taken from Jericho, conquered by the Israelites after their 40-year trek through the desert following the exodus from Egypt.

Surprisingly, I found in Jerusalem little printed information in English for those who want to head out on their own.

Organized trips are offered by several groups — the best known being the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel — but my companions and I wanted the independence of going on our own.

Also, as public transit in Israel is quite inexpensive, one can save considerable money riding public transit rather than joining a hiking tour.

We were able to buy a set of five Hebrew topographical maps of Israel at the SPNI bookstore at 13 Helen Hamalka St. in Jerusalem. We also each equipped ourselves with two filled canteens, food and a sun hat.

The Wadi Qelt trailhead is just past the Ma'ale Adummin turnoff and the remains of the Inn of the Good Samaritan on the road to Jericho.

To get there, we took a taxi from the stand outside Damascus Gate of Jerusalem's Old City. Here, like everywhere else in the Old City, bargaining is a necessity. (Another way to the trailhead is to take a sharut — shared taxi — that goes to Jericho and get off partway. Egged buses do not stop to disembark passengers at the Wadi Qelt turnoff).

A Nature Reserves Authority sign indicates the turnoff which leads to a narrow road that winds down into the valley.

In the sunlight, these ragged ancient mountains exuded orange and gray colors. The quiet here was overwhelming. The only sound we could hear was the occasional breeze.

To our right, when we reached the bottom of the valley, were remains of the elaborate Herodian aqueduct that once irrigated Jericho. It is believed that Herod was the first to convey water over great distances using techniques developed by the Romans.

In Wadi Qelt, the Judean Desert's only river bed with abundant sources of water, Herod built a 12-km aqueduct from the Qelt Valley springs to irrigate the agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley and the town of Jericho, which he also built. Ruins of Herod's aqueduct remain at several places in Wadi Qelt.

A 10-minute walk upstream is a gorge at Qelt Springs with waterfalls and pools. After a refreshing dip, we began our hike downstream following the modern aqueduct that now carries water to the plantations at Jericho.

The Wadi Qelt valley is almost bare of greenery except for the occasional Jericho balsam — also known as the Sodom apple — and Christ-thorn trees.

We also encountered herds of goats grazing on the oasis vegetation along the aqueduct.

After about three hours of pleasant hiking over an almost flat path we came to a metal cross implanted high on the side of the valley from where we had our first view of St. George's Monastery, which clings to the wall of the cliff at the bottom of the valley.

On a ledge above the monastery is a hermit's shack. After descending by switchbacks to the monastery we rested and ate the food we carried under the shade of the trees here before visiting the monastery.

The Greek Orthodox monastery was hewn out of the rock walls of the canyon. Here, surrounded by the rugged beauty of this sheer desert canyon, the monks seclude themselves from wordly pleasures and desires, a lifestyle difficult for us to understand.

The present monastery was built in the 19th century on the foundations of the Chozeba Monastery built in 535 CE. The main church floor has Byzantine mosaics.

Visitors are required to dress modestly and we were given wraps to wear over our hiking shorts.

The monastery can be visited every day except Sunday and Greek Orthodox holidays. Near the monastery are caves where the monks isolate themselves to study.

Leaving the monastery, we continued on the trail which soon descended from the Judean Mountains to the Jordan Plain. Here, on both banks of the wadi are parts of Tel Abu Alayiq, the site of Herodian and Roman Jericho during the first century BCE.

We then followed farm roads out to the highway and the Egged bus stop, about ½-km southwest of present-day Jericho.

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More trade may find Jews returning to China

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

HONG KONG — With the eclipse of the communities in Harbin and Shanghai in the early 1950s under the impact of civil strife, Judaism in "minyan" form has been extinct in China for about 30 years.

Its revival in the immediate future is dubious, recent visitors there believe, but a door appears open for the return of Jews who could reestablish observance of the Sabbath in the land where Jews have lived for more than 1,000 years.

Jews first came from Persia and India along the silk route through Xian and Kaifeng and founded a flourishing community in the latter city that lasted for centuries.

Trade again may find Jews returning to China in sizeable numbers — this time to its seaports. Last October, The China Daily, the official English language newspaper published in Beijing (Peking), announced that "foreign businessmen may start enterprises with their own exclusive investment in China's coastal areas where conditions permit."

At present, few Jews are in China and they are nearly all foreigners, mostly Americans, who represent Western companies or serve as teachers and research scientists.

China's own tourism programs and the enticements of travel agents have created an aura of Jewishness in Kaifeng in Hunan Province, almost 500 miles south of Beijing and which was once China's capital.

But there is little evidence left of the community that disappeared into assimilation and lack of Hebrew language and religious teachers a century ago.

Some historians say China's first synagogue was built there in the 12th century on the site now of a hospital. Chinese guides speak with an air of certainty that the Emperor Zhao gave the site to immigrant Jews for their presents to him.

Three stone tablets inscribed in Chinese with data of the Kaifeng Jews are in a Kaifeng warehouse. Some Chinese are able to trace their lineage to Kaifeng Jews but there is no Jewish identity or practice.

In Shanghai, a guide remarked those descendants have "Jewish traits" which means, he said, "they're very good at business."

Dr. Ira Weiss, a cardiologist who is a professor at Northwestern University, told this reporter on his way to China of an incident that indicated how absent Judaism is in a country of more than a billion people — a quarter of the world's population.

In 1979, Prof. Bernard Lown, a research cardiologist at the Harvard School of Public Health and one of the first four or five leaders in his particular branch of medical science, was returning to Beijing to organize a medical research unit there.

Rabbi Menachem Schneerson in New York gave him his personal shofar and asked that he blow it on his arrival there so that the sound of a shofar can again be heard in China.

Lown is believed to have carried out the Lubavitcher rabbi's wish that the shofar be heard in the four corners of the earth — Jews being present in the other three-quarters to perform this unique Jewish ritual.

When this reporter inquired on a visit to The China Daily for sources of information about Jews in China, he was directed to a Jewish member on its staff. He is Julian Schuman, who does rewriting, prepares its sports section, which includes big league baseball in season and other activities, and trains young Chinese journalists.

Now in his 60s, Schuman became interested in China while a soldier in World War II. He was born in Lynn, Mass. — son of Morris and Bessie Frankel Schuman — and raised in Brooklyn where he was drafted in the U.S. Army in 1942.

The army sent him to Harvard for Chinese language training "but I never got to China," Schuman said.

After the war, under the GI Bill of Rights, Schuman said, he resumed study of Chinese at Yale and went to Shanghai "on my own, without a job, to be a newspaperman."

He found work as a correspondent for the Chicago Sun-Times and ABC and wrote a book about China before returning to New York in 1954. He moved to San Francisco and in 1963 he was back in Beijing. Three years ago he helped start The China Daily there. It now publishes an edition in New York.

Schuman said his three children — Jonathan, Jeremy, and Taunya — live in San Francisco. He and his wife, who is not Jewish, are divorced.

"The kids consider themselves Jewish," Schuman said. "There is no anti-semitism in China. That was one of the good feelings when I came here. It's nice to feel it."

Among the Jewish "old-timers" in Beijing, Schuman said, there are perhaps a dozen or 15 who work as teachers or help on publications. Schuman did not want to name them. "They still have identity," he said, "but it doesn't come to the fore."

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Henry Weingluck's depiction of Polish Jews being chased out of their homes by the Germans in 1939. The painting is on display as part of an exhibit at Weingluck's Art Gallery, 623 College St. [Ben Lechtman photo]

Weddings bring big bucks

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

TEL AVIV —

Michael Mann is far from Orthodox, but he has reason to be pleased at the continuing strength of the Orthodox parties. For they ensure that his Tel Aviv travel agency, Star Tours, will go on making lots of money.

Star Tours specializes in arranging overseas weddings — usually in Cyprus — for couples unable to marry in Israel, where, because of pressure from the Orthodox, there is no civil marriage. This includes divorced women who wish to marry Cohanim, couples of different religious denominations and couples who do not want a religious ceremony.

Some 30 couples per month avail themselves of the services of Star Tours, which charges them between $400 and $500 each. The company has a representative waiting for them at the Larnaca airport in Cyprus, who immediately whisks them to their hotel in Limassol.

Not long afterwards, marriage licence in hand, he brings them to a judge who will marry them and within a few days they are back in Israel, legally wed. For while civil marriages are prohibited in this country, those contracted overseas are regarded as valid by the government (though not, of course, by the rabbinate).

The Orthodox parties here have been able to block civil marriage, as well as marriages performed by Reform or Conservative rabbis, because they have always held the balance of power in the political arena; today, within the framework of a delicately balanced national unity government, this situation remains unchanged. So the major parties are forced to compete for their support by offering them a broad array of legislative and financial "goodies."

Just recently, for example, the Likud reportedly promised the Shas Party — a group of Orthodox Sephardim with four seats in the new Knesset — that it would be given large sums for its religious and educational institutions if it agreed to back the Likud.

Similar financial inducements have been offered by the Likud (and sometimes by Labor) to other religious parties, and all this at a time when vital community welfare projects are being abandoned for lack of funds.

There have been isolated protests, notably one from Meir Shitrit, a dynamic young Herut MK of Moroccan origin, who has vigorously decried such "blackmail." But most politicians are "realists," and so they are willing to pay generously for the support of the Orthodox parties.

Payment in money is probably less serious than the support promised for Orthodox initiatives in the Knesset. The most important of these at present concerns the "Who is a Jew?" controversy, namely the question of whether the Law of Return — which gives every Jew the right to settle here — should be amended, as the Orthodox demand, so that Gentiles converted to Judaism by Reform or Conservative rabbis would no longer be considered Jews under the terms of the Law.

Another controversial Orthodox sponsored bill would, academics warn, virtually kill Israeli archeology. Under its provisions, the rabbinical authorities would be given the right to veto digs where human bones are found ... and there is seldom an excavation that is without such bones.

The most accomplished advocate of Orthodox causes these past few years has been Avraham Shapira, head of the Agudat Israel faction in the Knesset. He perfected a foolproof method of getting what his party wanted from the former Likud-led government, which it supported. If Agudat Israel's secular partners became too difficult, Shapira would simply go down to the Knesset cafeteria and have a friendly chat with Shimon Peres, head of the Labor opposition. Then, after his "suspicious behavior" had been duly noted by Likud people, he would go to Prime Minister Shamir and reiterate his party's demands. The Premier, forewarned that Agudat Israeli might be changing sides, gave the party everything it wanted.

Shapira and his friends from the other religious parties apparently have every intention of continuing to play off one side against the other, even in the new national unity government.

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B'nai Shalom North

Synagogue growth "phenomenal"

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
In a little over one year the B'nai Shalom North Congregation, north of Steeles on Bathurst, has acquired a new home and started a Hebrew school and a day care centre. However according to the congregation's founder, spiritual leader and cantor, Rabbi Solomon Z. Domb, there is still more to come.

"We dream of a mortgage free synagogue for mortgage hill," said Domb, explaining that everybody in the new suburban area has a mortgage.

"The way it's going now we foresee a big edifice...much bigger than what we have," he added.

The congregation began holding services in August 1983 in Westminster Public School, 366 Mullen Dr., Thornhill, after people in the area expressed a need for a synagogue, said Domb.

Sadie Domb, the rabbi's wife, said that just four weeks after they opened 500 people attended High Holiday services. Services continued to be held at the public school during the year until the new synagogue was ready last month.

Rabbi Solomon Domb with his wife Sadie.

The rebbitzin said that although she knew the congregation would eventually get its own home, she expected it would take between three to five years to acquire.

"We knew (the congregation) would be successful, but didn't know it would grow at the rate it did," said Sadie Domb.

The new synagogue, at 275 Arnold Ave., sits on a half acre of land with 30 parking spaces and playground equipment in front. The former ranch style 3-level bungalow's interior was rebuilt to accommodate 170 people on the main floor.

As about 100 families belong to the congregation, Domb said they will continue to use Westminster Public School for holiday services.

They new synagogue is also the home of the new day care centre for children between the ages of 2½ and 5 years. The centre operates during the week from 7.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and provides youngsters with an introduction to Jewish holidays and customs.

Sadie Domb said the day care centre came about because of requests from members for such a service.

She added that the Hebrew school, of which she is the coordinator and bar/bat mitzvah tutor, has also experienced "phenomenal growth," going from 60-70 students last year to over 100 students this year with applications still "pouring in."

She pointed out that many of the students attending the Hebrew school are the children of couples Rabbi Domb married while he was rabbi at the Beth Isaiah in Guelph.

Rabbi Domb also served as spiritual leader and cantor at the Beth Torah in Toronto for eight years.

Sadie Domb said the goal of the congregation, the day care centre and Hebrew school is to educate people about Judaism and "bring them back to their roots."

For further information call 731-2797.

Jewish chapel at West Point

By
VIVIEN SHARON

WEST POINT, NY —
The newest building at the historic U.S. Military Academy, West Point, opened this past summer and for the first time in history Jewish cadets and officers will have their own place of worship.

West Point Jewish Chapel, which cost $6.5 million and marks the culmination of a 20-year private fund raising campaign, is located on a rocky hillside between the academy's Protestant and Catholic chapels overlooking the Hudson River.

The new 50-foot-high chapel, a granite structure, rises from a lower building containing a library, conference room, gallery-museum, lounge, classrooms and other facilities.

The sanctuary features Gothic arched windows along its side walls, a stone and wood floor, oak pews and a platform the height of the chapel.

"The army had to ensure that the architectural design of the Jewish chapel would conform architecturally with the Gothic style buildings at West Point," said Col. Donald Bernstein, executive director of the West Point Jewish Chapel fund, in a recent interview.

Bernstein, who was an infantry and aviation officer with the U.S. army for 27 years, said that the half-acre site was initially a rock quarry. "To clear the area, 2,400 truck loads of rocks and debris had to be hauled off.

"After all the effort, we are proud of the quality of workmanship that has gone into the chapel. Our dream has become a reality. Moses has found his promised land," said the colonel.

A Reform chapel, the sanctuary has a seating capacity of 228 seats and an upper tier for 25 choir members, which Bernstein hopes to have fully occupied with cadets, officers, their families and friends for the High Holidays.

There is no kosher food available at West Point, he concedes, but the more observant cadets avoid mixing milk and meat at mealtime.

This year there are only 47 Jewish cadets at the Academy, or about 1% of the enrolment. Forty-one are male and six are female. For the first time, however, there is a fulltime Jewish chaplain.

"There is no concession to Jewishness here," said Chaplain (and Major) Marc Abramowitz, 38, in a recent article in the New York Sunday News. "Cadets are cadets first and then Jews, or whatever, after that."

The Orthodox rabbi performed the first Jewish wedding ceremony in the sanctuary this past summer. "There's no doubt of the couple's Jewish commitment," said the chaplain. "Both officers have been active in the Jewish community at West Point and participated in the Jewish education program for four years."

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Soviet Jews cheer quiet judo champ

By SHELLEY KESSELMAN

WINNIPEG — Through Mark Berger's steady upward climb through the ranks of international judo, the 30-year-old Soviet native has walked relatively unnoticed through Winnipeg streets.

All that changed after the 1984 Summer Olympics, where Berger became the first Manitoban in 52 years to win an Olympic medal, the first Canadian in 32 years to place in judo's final three and possibly the first Canadian Jew to ever win a medal at the Games for his country.

"If I am the first Jew," Berger told reporters at a recent reception in Winnipeg honoring his achievement, "I hope I am not the last one."

Berger, a quiet, introspective man who arrived in Winnipeg from Bucovina, Ukraine in 1977, chooses his words carefully and is more comfortable speaking about the need to raise the profile of the sport than he is of his background and circumstances in his native country.

Nonetheless, Berger was admittedly taken aback when a noisy crowd of about 150 wellwishers greeted him at the Winnipeg International Airport after a brief California vacation with wife Tonia and daughters Lena and Olia. Included among the throng of friends and relatives were some 50 Soviet Jews.

"Jews should get more involved in sport internationally," Berger said, his bronze medal in heavyweight competition glistening around his neck. "Whatever they choose to do — here in Canada, the Maccabiah Games, whatever they want. But they should get involved."

Last year, Berger was chosen the province's Male Athlete of the Year by the Manitoba Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association in recognition of his gold medal winning performance at the Pan-Am Games in Caracas, Venezuela and a fifth place finish at the 1983 World Championship in Moscow.

Mark Berger with his Olympic bronze medal. [Brian Donough photo]

Ironically, Berger, a former member of the Soviet national judo team, gained a degree of prominence before the world competition began.

The Soviet Union refused to grant Berger a visa, enraging Canadian officials and the national judo association, who threatened to withdraw the Canadian team. Widely reported in the media, the publicity did not appear to sway the Soviets, who relented at the last moment and issued Berger the necessary papers.

Then, as now, Berger has little to say on the matter and in fact, would prefer it be forgotten.

A physical education teacher in the Soviet Union, Berger had to attend the University of Manitoba to qualify for a provincial teaching certificate. In the interim, he worked as a bouncer at a pinball arcade, a substitute teacher and gave judo instruction at the YMHA.

Having spent this past year intensely training in Europe, Berger worried about the prospect of full-time employment once the Games concluded. That burden was lifted prior to his departure for Los Angeles — he is now teaching phys. ed. in the Ukrainian immersion program at Ralph Brown Elementary School.

Still reveling in the Olympic medal and slowly becoming accustomed to being recognized on the street, Berger is undecided about his future competitive career. But a grin slowly emerges and he quips, "I am only 30. I think I still have a few years left yet."

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Tofa'ah--the all-women band. [WZPS photo]

Women know how to create hit band

By
A. L. FALIK

JERUSALEM(WZPS)— Putting the final touches on their first reocrd Tofa'ah (phenomenon in English) at long last successfully proved itself. Many listeners think it's the best Jewish band around. Even so, a lot of people don't know what's behind Tofa'ah's success story.

Tofa'ah was formed in Jerusalem in January 1982. The band is composed of seven women, all of whom are skilled musicians, some professional, all naturally talented.

While this combination of experience and expertise has in other bands been the cause of strife and even dissolution, it has created something entirely else in Tofa'ah — harmony.

Ann Silverman, the guitarist and Tofa'ah's most prolific songwriter, says "I like playing different styles of music. I came to Tofa'ah with a background in folk and bluegrass. The interesting thing for me is, that while I started writing music in another band, the encouraging support to write and to express myself musically came only after I joined Tofa'ah. Tons of creative expression came out. I was really amazed," she reminisces.

Australian-born Lisa Rothberg, one of the two vocalists of the band concurs with Ann: "I sang semi-professionally in jazz and pop bands as well as solo before moving to Jerusalem. I love singing and wanted very much to sing here, too, in a band. Then, one 'talent night' at a local coffeehouse we met. It was love at first sight — they were a band looking for a singer and I was a singer looking for a band."

Linda Levine, bass-guitarist for Tofa'ah, has a totally different musical heritage. "I played in a number of bands while growing up," she explains, "in stage bands and a rock-and-roll band or two. I also wrote songs. However, even though we practiced and practiced the tunes, they never felt quite right. My songs have a modern American beat to them yet they are of a Jewish nature. It seems that it's been only in playing with Tofa'ah that my songs truly found their home."

For Tofa'ah is unusual in its striving to combine various and divergent musical heritages so as to create new and original Jewish music.

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The halachic framework through which the members of Tofa'ah chose to achieve their goals is really one of the most extraordinary aspects of the work, especially for a band of the 1980s.

Rachel Kohn, the violinist, says "Tofa'ah believes in sharing experiences and feelings with our audiences. For us, this means living the Torah lifestyle." She continues, "Torah is not simply a book. It is a way of life, a way of relating to the world, to people, and even to music."

One of the band's many strengths, in addition to professionality, is a talent to spiritually uplift the audiences at the band's performances. Not only handclapping and foot-stomping, but dancing too are common sights.

Yona Saslow, the percussionist and leader of the band, says "Jewish music has purpose, it has strength. You should go to a concert — either ours or other Jewish music. Both I as a musician and our listeners as an audience are enraptured by the overwhelming positiveness of it."

She continues: "Our goal is simple: take the music and our presentation and give it the koved it deserves." If the audience reaction is any indication, Tofa'ah is succeeding in putting the Jewish spirit back into Jewish music.

A lot of people are under the assumption that Tofa'ah is just another Jewish "women's band."

"Nothing could be further from the truth," asserts Tehila Courtney, vocalist. "While we are seven women musicians, the creative expression of our music is **Jewish** — first and foremost. In other words, we are not a 'feminist' band," per se.

Devora Kohn, flautist and sister of the violinist, says this about Tofa'ah's music: "Part of living Jewishly is creative expression. It's spreading joy and spreading, as Tehila aptly says, 'good feelings about being Jewish.'

"On the individual level, we hope to encourage others to pay attention to the creativity which resides in all of us. On the community level, we hope to inspire people to feel that truly we are all one people."

Fine goals. As the musicians say, the language of music is universal. It's that simple: music can reach everybody. And Tofa'ah is most assuredly reaching the public.

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Parallel tyrannies exist

Soviet Jews live out our history

By
MIRIAM MARKS

LONDON (JCNS) —
How do you know you are Jewish? Is it because you remember from earliest childhood a special day when your mother lit candles, your father made kiddush and gave you a sip of wine and a piece of chala?

A day of festive meals, with the whole family singing songs or learning together, and the flowers reflected in the gleaming silver on the table?

How do you know that Israel is your land? Is it because there were other special days in the year, commemorating different events in Jewish history, which you learned about in cheder, or in school?

You celebrated a festival when you lit candles each night. You sang a song about tyrants who had tried, over and over again, to destroy your people both physically and spiritually.

There was also a tyrant not mentioned in that song, who maintained the diverse outposts of his empire by forcing the different peoples to accept an alien religion (just as the Soviets force their ideology on other cultures).

He was unsuccessful in the case of Judea, so he tried to separate them from their cultural roots by exiling them from their land (as the Soviet authorities) seek to eradicate Jewish culture and prevent Jews from reaching Israel.

So how does a young person in the Soviet Union know he is Jewish? More often than not, only because he has experienced, and is still experiencing, parallels to those very tyrannies from which we celebrate our escape every year at different seasons.

The policy of the Soviet Union towards religion, although nominally one of tolerance, has been consistently hostile, obstructive and destructive throughout the period of Soviet rule.

Places of worship have been destroyed or closed down, not because they are no longer in use, but because the authorities wish to restrict or exclude altogether the possibility of people following their religion and maintaining ties with others who share their beliefs.

Above all, the teaching of religion to children is strictly prohibited, and Jewish schools have been closed down since before World War II. The pretext for this, in a system which prides itself on allowing each of the 100 or so nationalities its own schools, where teaching takes place in the national language, is that "now we are all Soviet citizens there is no further need for Jewish schools,"

This was explained to me by a woman from Byelorussia, who was brought up with no Jewish education whatever, her parents having been committed Communists. Their home exuded an atmosphere of assimilation, although her mother had, in fact, been educated in a Jewish school.

Asked why she had such a strong Jewish identity, she replied that her parents had always spoken Yiddish. The main reason, however, was that her Jewishness was registered in her passport and she sometimes experienced anti-semitism from the children at school.

She was well aware of official anti-semitism, of the systematic omission of the fact that a person was Jewish in the case of achievement, or when someone was killed. It was harder, she knew, for Jews to gain admission to university, and to rise above certain levels in their careers, although there were always one or two "show" Jews in high places.

A recent visit revealed a resurgence of blatantly anti-semitic posters, reminiscent of Czarist times. They are readily available in small shops, although they have been withdrawn from the larger shops which Western tourists are known to visit.

A friend told me that, although his parents went to synagogues on the festivals, they took care to hide this fact from him. Every year when he was young, matzoh had appeared on the table instead of bread; his father had explained that they were a "separate people" with their own history and their own land.

From the age of 8 he had wanted to know more and more and, among other forbidden literature, his father had given him books on Jewish history, from which he had gleaned a Jewish identity.

A few families in Russia remained Orthodox even during the Stalinist period, thus giving their children a Jewish identity from the outset. But even these children's experience differs from ours in the West.

They have to attend school on Shabbat. They have to be wary of their neighbors. One friend told me in all seriousness that she had to keep three sets of cutlery and crockery — for milk, meat and trefa.

This was because the neighbors were forever borrowing things from her, and it would have aroused suspicion had she refused.

The family tried to go to a different town for the festivals, since it was easier to visit a synagogue where they were not known. There were also problems when she overheard her little girl playing with the neighbors' child and laying the table for "milk" or "meat." How could one explain to a young child that there were certain things one couldn't mention?

The same friend also told me that, when she was young, a Hebrew teacher used to come to the house, but they were always ready at a moment's notice to hide their books under the table if the neighbors called.

The Soviet Union today mirrors all the tyrannies decribed in Maoz Tsur. Yet there are still brave people who try to educate the young by means of songs, puppet shows, plays, who feel that these young people can be saved from "cultural genocide" only by correspondence with students in the West, so that they may live vicariously the kind of Jewish activities which are normal for us, but which are denied them.

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Poetry used by songwriters

Bialik gave Hebrew language extra dimension

By
MOSHE VINE

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The most influential Hebrew poet of modern times, Haim Nahman Bialik, captured the new spirit of strength and courage that characterized those who dreamed of Zion reborn.

In his poetry he gave the Hebrew language another dimension, shaping it and forming it into a vehicle to herald the renaissance of Jewish nationalism.

Although July 1984 marked the 50th anniversary of his death, his poetry still reverberates with the sounds announcing a new era in our history.

Although it is 50 years since Bialik's death, he is very much alive in the minds of the Israeli public. During the spring a major conference was held at Bar-Ilan University on the poetry of Bialik and its wide ramifications in modern Hebrew literature.

A recently issued, beautifully illustrated volume contains all the love poems of Bialik and a third printing of the English-Hebrew edition of his poetry came off the press recently.

The popular singers and songwriters in Israel always have used Bialik's poetry for new and fresh material. One of the biggest hits of the popular Israeli singer Erik Einstein, Shelter Me Under Your Wing, is a poem by Bialik written in 1905. The poem is both beautiful and poignant and is perhaps the greatest love poem ever written in the Hebrew language.

Born in Russia in 1873, Bialik became an orphan at the age of 7 when his father died. His mother struggled to feed the children making a meagre livelihood by peddling during the day and knitting at night.

The young Bialik was sent to live with his grandfather to lessen his mother's burdens. There he was initially subjected to rigorous talmudic training and then subsequently given free rein to study on his own.

Returning from this small town atmosphere he went to Volozhin Yeshiva in the hope of acquiring a secular education along with traditional Jewish learning.

When such was not to be found there, he began to divest himself of his pious ways and to move in the direction of enlightened thinking. He immersed himself in the world of poetry, reading Russian poetry and European literature.

In Hebrew poetry he sought an outlet to express his own self-doubts on the one hand and on the other hand, to seek an enduring link for the continuity of the Jewish people.

Seeing Zionism as the hope for his own spiritual future, Bialik sought to capture the rhythms of this vibrant new-but-old movement. He sounded the clarion call to his people when he raised the damning question in 1897 after the first World Zionist Congress: "Even when the horn be sounded and the banner raised/ Can the dead awaken, can the dead stir?"

Bialik raised Hebrew to a new level of expression when he penned the immortal poem HaMatmid (The Talmud Student) in 1894-1895. In that lengthy poem Bialik captures the struggles of the dedicated student to scrifice all of nature and family for the ascetic study of Torah.

This student, as difficult as it was for him, was able to "sublimate for the sake of higher values." In that poem we see personified the eternal quest of the grasping, searching student.

As the new century dawned, the attacks on the Jews not only continued but escalated. After the disastrous Kishniev pogrom in April 1903 Bialik was sent to investigate atrocities as a member of the Jewish Historical Commission in Odessa.

The visit to the pogrom site resulted in the penning of two major poems, Al HaShehitah (On the Slaughter) and Beir HaHaregah (In the City of Slaughter).

In the first he called on the murderers to be judged severely. In the other he denounced the meekness of the people as he followed them step by step through the stages of destruction. He cannot fathom the reason for their submission.

In 1909 he visited Palestine for the first time and renewed his friendship with Yehoshua Haim Ravnitzky. This friendship was to produce the monumental 3-volume work Sefera HaAgada.

After many years in the field of writing and publishing in Hebrew outside of Palestine, Bialik finally moved to Tel Aviv in 1924. There he instituted one of the key concepts of modern Jewish life, the Oneg Shabbat.

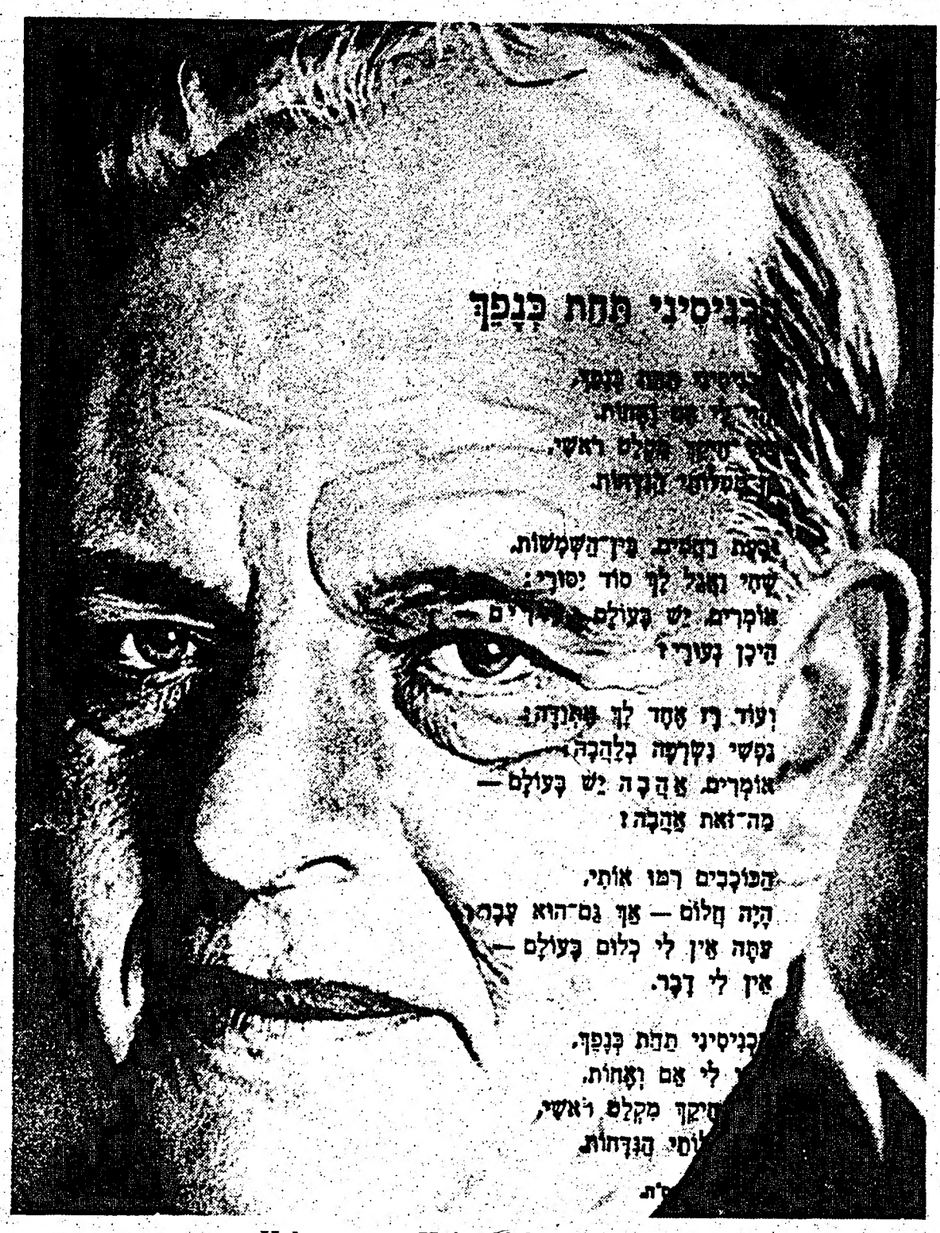
At first it was merely a Sabbath gathering for study, but then it developed into a special Shabbat event of song and dance for Jews of both religious and secular persuasions.

A dedicated Zionist, a Jew placed in the crucible of the times, Bialik gave his lyrical voice to the tension of his beliefs.

When he died in 1934, he left these words to bolster us all as we too face our last days:

"There was a man and see he had many songs to sing — and now they are lost, lost forever."

We know, however, that the songs of Bialik will endure as long as there is a Jewish people.



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Explore growth of competition

Rabbi supports sports if education plays role

RABBI BARRY BLUM, of Congregation Darchei Noam, the Reconstructionist Synagogue of Toronto, discusses the role of Jewish sports in the educational system.

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Throughout North America numerous Hebrew schools are now offering their students courses on pertinent topics. The attempt here is to synthesize Judaic material under the heading of a relevant social or religious issue. Few educators have realized the full genre of topics available to them in teaching courses on Jews in sports.

The excitement, thrill, and uncertain outcome of athletic competition in part characterizes North Americans' fascination with sports. The task at hand is to take this popular topic and give it educational substance. Through the process of blending in the role of the Jew in sports, as well as the moral and ethical values associated with Judaism, a greater rationale for such a teaching endeavor can be seen.

The teacher introduces the topic by inquiring from the class names of Jewish athletes who currently participate in various sports or are Hall of Famers. Students will usually mention such names as Sandy Koufax, Hank Greenberg, Sid Luckman, Randy Grossman, Steve Stone and others.

The task is to cite modern issues that may face these Jewish athletes and challenge their Jewish identity. Examples of these issues include: observance of the Shabbat or festivals, support for Jewish causes or Israel, or the opposite extreme of exhibiting no allegiance to Judaism in any form.

Once the instructor has presented the pupils with an educational approach to this topic, an investigation into the evolving nature of sports from the biblical to our contemporary civilization can be undertaken. The approach used throughout this topic emulates Reconstructionist teachings which serve to revitalize and add creativity to Judaic studies.

The exploration of biblical and Talmudic citations will emphasize to the students that sports are not merely a modern phenomenon. It may also shed light on why many of the rabbis of that period were ambivalent to a Jew being preoccupied with sports. Through an investigation of the evolution of sports from the biblical period to our contemporary age the influence of foreign cultures — i.e. Greek and Roman — become apparent.

During the modern period Jews have made a formidable contribution to sports. The South Philadelphia Hebrew Association in the United States whose initials are represented by the name SPHA, serves as a fantasy for the sports oriented student. Picture a basketball team back in 1918 composed in the beginning of entirely Jewish players like Gottlieb, Newman, and Schneiderman. The SPHAs helped to revolutionize the game and introduce it to a larger audience in a more sophisticated arena . . . thus serving as a Jewish contribution to sports.

Pertinent issues and conflicts which challenge Jewish survival are also inherent in sports. The issue of whether religion should be directly linked with athletic competition has been raised regarding the right of Jews to wear yarmulkes during basketball games in the United States.

Jewish athletes' struggle against anti-semitism has far ranging ramification when we recall the 11 Israeli athletes murdered during the Munich Olympics in 1972.

The Moscow Olympics of 1980, amidst an atmosphere hostile to Jews living in the Soviet Union, adds the dimension of politics to sports competition.

Through the study of the Jew in sports the student can explore the growth of athletic competition in Israel. This topic lends itself to the pupils examining the major teams in Israel: Ha-Poel, Maccabi, Elitzur, Betar, and its subsidiary Herut, where interesting comparisons and contrasts with North American sports can be established.

The knowledge of sports terms in Hebrew adds an important language dimension to this topic. It serves as an essential ingredient which combines indentification with Jewish athletes and the educational framework of being able to use the Hebrew language to articulate it.

It is fascinating to uncover within the scope of this topic when religious factors enter sports. The fact that chaplains of various faiths are associated with numerous professional teams gives credence to this topic. Players on many teams wear symbols of their religious affiliation, either for the purpose of good luck or for personal safety. Certain coaches even request and inspire their players to attend appropriate religious services before a big game.

Further, in the locker room before a game, a prayer for victory is often recited. The overeaching question emerges as the validity of praying to God for one team to beat another, as well as the Jewish response to this issue.

The demand for such a course to be taught is essential today in order for the student to sort out, in his mind values which should be emulated and those which are detrimental to sports. The topic of Jews in sports is an enriching teaching endeavor as it encompasses an endless array of relevant and educational subject matter.

Finally, it can be a closer identification Jewishly to the educational student who engages in athletic competition, as well as the student who is a constant spectator in this contemporary sports oriented society.

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Student impressed

Hebrew U a precious experience

By
ERIKA BIRO

A game of chess on the Givat Ram campus.

TORONTO —
Although I do not have a great many degrees, I collect alma maters with continued vigor and enthusiasm. I enter hallowed halls of learning with the same feeling of awe and expectation that crept over me when I attended the Sorbonne in post World War II, coming all the way from Peru.

My experience this summer at Hebrew University was outstanding. Taking summer courses in far-off places is a phenomenal way to make change in one's routine, and no place can be better than Hebrew University, a first-class centre of learning. Its location in Jerusalem converts attendance there into a precious instant in this passage called life.

I registered early in the year in a history course which dealt with the via dolorosa of modern Jewish history and was impressed by the fact that it was being taught by a most eminent historian.

I planned for a month of exciting morning lectures and for afternoons and evenings of sightseeing and journalism.

As it happened, destiny had planned for me the collapse of the government in the spring and had kindly planted the elections in the midst of my stay. It was tailormade for a lecturer in political affairs.

Hebrew University offers an array of interesting summer courses, ranging from history to archeology and an excellent, ambitious Hebrew immersion program.

Applications may be obtained from the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. Courses are open to undergraduate and graduate students and also to non-student adults with an academic background.

I was prepared for high standards: what I did not expect was the formidable blue booklet containing the summer activities planned for the overseas students with a select choice of tours and outings in the afternoons, of lectures and concerts in the evenings — all conveniently packaged and arranged either free of charge or for reasonable fees.

Not only did this allow one to see a maximum number of sights but it provided social movement and the foundations for warmth and friendship.

The Mount Scopus campus itself is splendid. The buildings in which notable scholars do their work are mostly erected by generous donors from every imaginable place where Jews live. It is an indication of the deep feeling and commitment that Jews in the Diaspora have for that land which is our other self.

The presence of Canadians is felt at every turn. I registered in a room dedicated to the memory of Marilyn Finkler.

On July 3, Dr. Ralph Halbert had been the recipient of an honorary doctorate. He and his wife, Roz, had dedicated a Chair in Canadian Studies.

The Halberts were mentioned with great respect in the last press release which read, Canadian, Israeli Planners Tackle Problems in Hebrew University Conference.

The magazine, News from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, mentioned Canadian contributions and prominent standing on the board of governors. I heard only complimentary remarks about Canadian involvement.

Every university course included field trips — as distinct from the extracurricular activities — and my major one was to the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv. This day included study sessions as well as a visual series of displays of our suffering through the ages.

Masada at night with 100 young people nearly proved to be my undoing, physically. I was so enthralled by the milieu, so inspired by the words of Josephus Flavius in the historical record, that I thought I could do anything the kids could do.

Masada was a hard, beautiful night. We met at campus at 10 p.m., at the end of the Sabbath, and drove out along the Dead Sea on which the full moon shone. We were guarded and protected by eight soldiers and directed by a number of professional tour guides.

A campfire was lit on arrival (albeit with a welder's torch) at the foot of Masada, and the drinking started. Drinking of water that is . . . one litre by 2 a.m., more if possible, and loaded with canteens on the way up the Snake Path which looked so magnificent, torches showing the way.

It was a terribly arduous climb for me; I think a soldier saved my life by relieving me of the weight of one canteen.

Sunrise came at the top, but many slept. I did feel a sense of accomplishment but in the interests of honest journalism, I do not recommend this to everyone.

Descent was not much easier. It was terribly hot and one had to continue drinking. Still, now when I look at my slides, I am rather proud that I did it and that the tempting cable car was denied me — literally (the soldiers called it "keeping good order"). All this was followed by a march to Ein Gedi and delightful bathing in the falls, even though only half of the people were conscious in the noon sun.

My best "activity" involved an afternoon on Judaism and Sexuality. Led by an Orthodox group of young women, all recently arrived from the U.S., it explained intelligently many of the mysteries of the life of a very religious Jewish woman.

A Dr. Heller from the Weizmann Institute, herself a mother of nine, lectured to us about Tumah and Teharah. For many this was a revelation.

We were taken to a beautiful mikvah where the young leader of our group, gloriously and happily pregnant, candidly discussed sexuality.

I had never imagined such excitement and sensuality and such forthrightness. And, finally, there was singing and dancing among women: gentle and peaceful, a happening of such mystic and contented flavor that most of us were in tears.

I count this as one of my most inspirational hours, absolutely on a par with the thrill of the elections and the madness generated in politics.

People will ask me about the quality of the course. It had its high moments when the sorrow and the pity of our collective past just engulfed me; it had its lows when our particular professor forgot his pedagogic humility on bus 9.

Such things happen.

In the meantime, I learned a great deal and felt the connecting threads webbing in periods of history that had been gaping holes, which is exactly what history courses are supposed to do for you.

The fact that our history is so painful only makes me aware of how fortunate I am to be living at a time when Jews have a real homeland.

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Rock 'n' roll addict

Music second nature to Richler

By
DAVID PIERSON

Rock 'n' roller Danny Richler.

TORONTO —

It's only rock 'n' roll but don't tell that to Danny Richler, son of Mordecai Richler and co-host of City TV's New Music. Discussing rock 'n' roll with Richler is like listening to the pop charts . . . highly entertaining.

Trivia — like Paul McCartney lifted the horn solo in Penny Lane from Bach — comes up so naturally in Richler's conversation that one quickly realizes he is talking to a rock 'n' roll addict.

So it is not surprising to find Richler's past has many similar parallels to that of a pop band that finally achieves success by hitting the charts . . . with a few interesting twists.

Growing up in pop mad 60s Britain, Richler took to R & B with a fanatic's glee, "much to my father's chagrin," he says with a laugh.

"My mother was always very encouraging and open minded. She'd always give my music a listen."

Like all classic rock 'n' rollers, Richler had another reason for his commitment to R & R besides his love of the music. Girls.

"It was just an incredible time to be in England if you were at all into the pop scene. I could usually get into the pubs and it was very exciting to see bands like the Rolling Stones or Led Zepplin in small clubs or theatres. And, of course, there were always a lot of birds going to the same shows."

Richler's family returned to Montreal when his father became interested in the volatile atmosphere prevalent in Quebec in 1976.

Fed up with the regimentation of school, young Richler packed in his studies at McGill University. He got his first big break when he dropped off a tape one morning at CHOM-FM and was on the air that night, replacing the disc jockey who had pneumonia.

Richler worked for a half dozen radio stations before landing a reporter's position on City TV's highly acclaimed New Music Show.

"I first wanted to join The Shulman File. Regardless if you thought he was a boor, it was lively, entertaining TV.

"But Paul Roberts, a producer here, thought I'd be good on the music beat. So it took a year of slogging, pushing and phone calls to get the job."

While a lot of people dismiss R & R as just harmless fluff, Richler is very aware of how much it can mean to fans and he very much cares about the content of his interviews.

"There is a very fast pace and a lot of pressure in television. I've found myself doing three interviews in a day, which is tough, as I like to do research on a band so I'm not just asking the same questions.

"I once discovered a band was wearing swastikas onstage. I found the band's arrogance in just shrugging it off as fashion totally exasperating, and I refused to do the interview.

"I can see myself doing this for a couple more years and then moving on to something else. I'd love to travel, live in India, paint or even try my hand at writing."

When the subject of writing came up one had to ask what his famous author father thinks of his son's career?

"I've shown him a few tapes of my shows and I think he can see the link I try to create between parents and kids. I'm not saying every parent has to get into groups like Alien Sex Fiend, but they can enjoy certain aspects of pop music with their kids.

"You know, one time I was trying to freelance for a magazine in Montreal called Blow-Up. I wasn't getting anywhere and I was complaining about the challenges of meeting my father's standards.

"He said that he had told the other kids before me and he'd tell Jacob when he was old enough, that he did not want five little Mordecais running around . . . Do what you want to do and set your own standards."

Mordecai can rest easily, as son Danny has certainly made his own mark.

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Programs being stepped up: AJC

Improving inter-group relations

NEW YORK —

Programs targeted at improving relations between Israel's various ethnic and religious groups are being stepped up, according to a report issued recently by the American Jewish Committee.

These frequently tense relations — particularly those between Jews and Arabs, Ashkenazic Jews and Sephardic Jews, and religious and non-religious Jews — are considered by most observers to be the source of some of the most troublesome and intractable problems facing the state.

None of these problems are likely to be solved completely, cautions social psychologist Esther Perel, author of the report, "but a growing number of Israelis have acknowledged that they will not just disappear naturally, and serious work has begun."

The report, titled "Intergroup Relations Practice in Israel: the State of the Art," was released at a news conference held at American Jewish Committee national headquarters here. The research was sponsored by AJC's Institute on American-Israeli Relations.

Discussing tensions between Arab and Jewish Israelis, Ms. Perel said that "the weightiest separating factor between Arabs and Jews is the problem of national security and its exigencies.

"From its inception," she said, "Israel has been at war with an Arab world to which Israeli Arabs belong. They are viewed by the nation's leaders and Jewish citizens as security risks, as a minority affiliated to the enemy — while on their side, the Arabs must struggle to reconcile their national, cultural, and religious identification with their responsibilities as loyal citizens of the Jewish state.

"The struggle is not made easier," Perel continued, "by a tendency in the media to present Arab-Jewish differences in terms of social and political conflict or dramatic confrontation."

Despite the complexity of the problem and the pessimism with which some observers view it, Perel went on, many Israelis — Jews and Arabs alike — want to break through the barriers separating their two communities, and "many individuals and organizations in Israel are trying to narrow the gap between the readiness of Arabs and Jews for social relations and the rarity of real contact."

One such effort, she said, is Beit Hagefen, a community centre in Haifa that "tries to provide a natural environment for meetings between Arabs and Jews." The centre, partly funded by the national government and the Haifa municipality, also conducts seminars and meetings — "carefully designed to encourage interaction" — for secondary school students and young leaders from across the country.

Another institution cited by Perel was the International Center for Peace in the Middle East. The centre, she said, conducts seminars at which teachers and youth movement leaders discuss ways of improving relations between Arab and Jewish youth; publishes literature examining the depiction of Arabs in Hebrew publications, and observes school programs to evaluate their effectiveness in promoting Arab-Jewish understanding.

Perel pointed also to Interns for Peace, a group that sets up work projects and training programs "that encourage social and economic coalitions" between Arab and Jewish group workers. In addition, she said, many individual teachers, community workers, and youth leaders work to initiate contacts between Arab and Jewish individuals and groups.

Turning to the problems between Ashkenazim (Jews of Western background) and Sephardim (Jews of Asian and African background), Perel said that Israelis have long acknowledged that an educational, social, and economic gap exists between the two groups, with the Sephardim (or "Orientals") being on the uncomfortable side of the gap: the Sephardim are poorer as a group than the Ashkenazim, and their culture is not the dominant one.

Among the most far-reaching of the effort to close the gap, said Perel, are governmental programs aimed at making concrete changes in the Sephardis' lives: programs to teach mothers about nutrition and child care; schools to give teenagers both academic education and vocational training; courses to upgrade workers' technical competence; campaigns to encourage college education, and the like.

Prepares written programs

An important non-governmental program, Perel continued, is Bar-Ilan University's Institute for the Promotion of Social Integration in the Educational System. Aiming to "deal with the commonalities so as to create closeness," she said, the Institute prepares curriculum suggestions, written materials, teacher-training programs, and suggestions for games, classroom discussions, "and other devices to help encourage rapprochement" between Ashkenazic and Sephardic students.

In addition to the large programs run by the government and by major institutions, Perel said, Israel also has many small programs conducted by individual neighborhoods, schools, and community centres. Some of these programs endeavor to bring Orientals and Ashkenazim together for discussion, while others try to give Orientals the social tools to ease their integration into Israeli culture, and still others aim to build Sephardis' pride in their own culture.

"Some Israelis," concluded Perel, "think the ethnic gap between Ashkenazim and Sephardim will eventually narrow, largely through intermarriage and the entry of more Oriental Jews into the mainstream. Demography supports this view, for almost a fourth of Israel's Jewish marriages are between Ashkenazim and Sephardim."

Another controversy between Jew and Jew in Israel, that between religious and secular Jews, "has been at the centre of Israel's political and legal systems," said Perel, adding: "The fundamental question — to what extent Israel is to be a Jewish state — reaches to the heart of the nation's self-identification, and disagreement over the place of religious belief and practice in everyday life has created deep divisions in the society."

Religious and non-religious Jews, she noted, have quarreled, often acrimoniously, over laws governing Sabbath observance, over archeological excavations thought to be near holy places, over education, over the issue of "who is a Jew," and over the government's settlement policy, resulting in a "chasm that is insitutional, educational, and interpersonal, with secular Jews complaining about 'religious coercion,' while the religious community condemns Israel's secular way of life and emulation of Western morality and mores as corrupt and degenerate."

Most overtures toward better relations between religious and secular groups have been made by modern religious Jews, many of them Americans, Perel continued. One such group, she said, is the Gesher (Bridge) program, which organizes study weekends to bring religious and non-religious students together, and meetings to promote discussion between religious and secular parents and youngsters.

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Usually eludes our grasp

Happiness sought in new year

By
RABBI BERNARD BASKIN

What is it that we seek, more than anything else, in the uncertain year that lies before us? The answer of course is happiness. But what is happiness and where is it to be found?

If we listen to the wise men of all ages we discover that happiness is slippery and elusive, a quality that usually eludes our grasp. It seems to be a by-product of the good life rather than a conscious achievement of the good life itself.

Moreover, happiness is rare. Thomas Hardy the English novelist was certain that "happiness is an illusion. Life is a drama of pain with an occasional interlude of pleasure."

Clarence Darrow lamented: "The happiest part of life is the time spent in sleep when one is oblivious of existence."

The Book of Job contains the melancholy sentiment: "Man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward."

What is happiness? If it means satisfaction with things as they are, if it means smugness and complacency, then the happiest persons are the vegetable temperaments, the unambitious, the uncreative, the easily satisfied. Think for a moment of those through whom God has made great things possible — the innovators, the dreamers, the intellectual and spiritual pioneers of humankind: Moses, Socrates, Jeremiah, Spinoza, Shelley and Lincoln. Do you think of them as happy?

I'm quite sure that we do not find happiness when we remove ourselves from the arena of life, or isolate ourselves from its conflicts and dangers. Every step in life involves dangers, decisions and perils — finding a suitable life partner, building a family, advancing a career, standing for worthwhile ideals.

Happiness is not achieved by sitting passively with folded arms and regarding the world about us with equanimity.

Another answer to the question of what we want most in 5745 might be, for many of us, an increased number of material possessions. But here again, some qualifications are necessary. There are some religions that regard wealth and material possessions as basically evil. The wealthy person, it is held, will rarely achieve salvation or find grace in the eyes of God. This is not the Jewish view. Money is an evil only if it is misused, if it becomes a source of ruthless exploitation, if it becomes our master rather than our servant.

In the Book of Proverbs the writer asks of God: "Give me neither poverty nor riches. Provide me with food sufficient for my needs, lest I be so satisfied that I deny Thee and say, Who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor and steal and so disgrace the name of my God."

Here is a prayer that indicates a decent sense of proportion, that seeks a golden mean between riches and poverty. Here is a prayer that asks for enough to educate one's children and to live decently and with dignity, enough to secure the amenities of life that bring us a greater measure of meaning and satisfaction.

We have now reached the crux of the matter. If happiness is out of reach, and material possessions a mixed blessing, a possible source of evil as well as of good — what then shall we seek as the new year begins? What blessing can we ask for ourselves without fear, hesitation or reservation? I should like to suggest an answer, and then offer three pertinent resolutions.

I think that what we should seek above all things in the coming year is the blessing of "growth" — mental and spiritual growth.

• (a) And my first resolution is that we should strive to grow in our knowledge of ourselves, our religion, the world of which we are a part. We all have the mental capacity to learn.

In the Talmud there is a story of a rabbi who asked a lowly fisherman if he gave time to the study of the law and tradition. "Not me," answered the fisherman, "it is all beyond me, my limitations are too great." The sage answered, "Who gave you your knowledge to weave and cast your nets, to catch and sell your fish?" The fisherman confessed that he was seeking excuses for his laziness and lack of concern.

As a result of the encounter, he turned his thoughts, to higher and nobler things. Age is no barrier to increased knowledge. Psychologists tell us that at 50 a person can learn as well as at 30, at 60 as well as at 40.

In the year that lies ahead, we might grow in our understanding of a superb work of art, or an enduring masterpiece of literature. We might learn to understand ourselves a little better and examine the dark nooks and crannies of our own personality. We might endeavor to gain more insight into the currents and forces that shape our modern world, or even to become better qualified and learned in our own work of occupation.

• (b) My second resolution is that we should strive to grow in feeling and sensivity. We should seek a broadening of our spiritual horizons that will enable us to feel greater sympathy and understanding for human joy and sorrow around us. To be touched more deeply by human need. This requires from us that we try to place ourselves in the other person's position. It requires a loss of ego and self-centredness.

There is the story of a famous scholar who came to a small town, in order to answer the questions of the townspeople. They built for him a lofty platform and ornamented chair. But when he stood before the people his memory failed. Deeply troubled, he sought the advice of an older colleague to whom he now gave the correct answers without hesitation.

"If you know the answers so well now," he was asked, "why were you not able to give them before the people?" He answered, "They placed me upon a platform and gave me a tall special chair. My spirit became conscious of the honor and the answers escaped me."

"Let this be an example to the disciples," admonished his wiser friend, "for when a man is filled with pride, self-importance and selfishness, then the answers escape him."

• (c) A third resolution is that we should strive to grow in our willingness to serve. In the year that lies ahead we give more freely of ourselves, to our community, congregation and family. If we can indeed grow in knowledge and sensitivity then we will be willing to serve in such a way as to become a better citizen, a more loyal Jew, a more understanding spouse, a more loving parent.

In our desires for the coming year the prayer for growth should occupy the position of honor.

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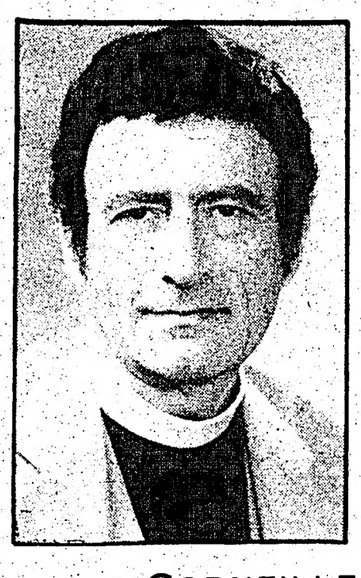

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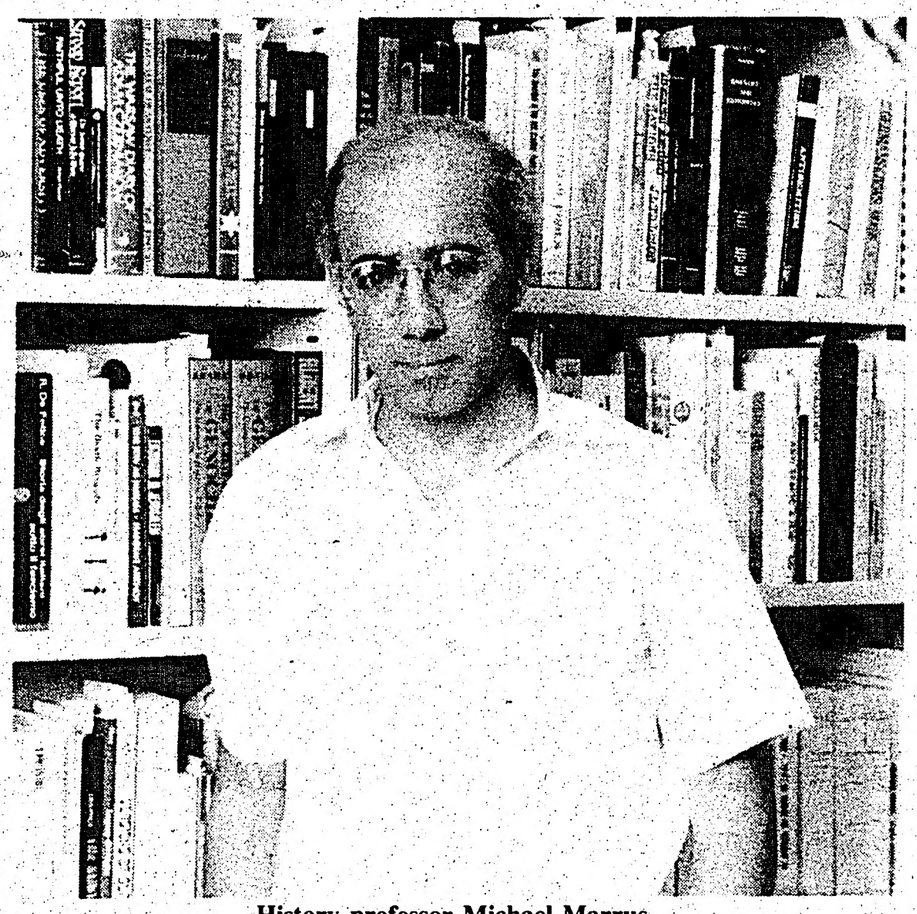

History professor Michael Marrus.

TORONTO — Ghettoizing the Holocaust into special units of "Holocaust studies" in schools "robs the tragedy of its lesson-generating capacity," according to University of Toronto history professor Michael Marrus.

Marrus was interviewed shortly before leaving for a sabbatical year in Israel, where he will be a Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Each year the Institute gathers three small groups of internationally renowned scholars together, each group studying a different subject. Marrus' group, which includes such scholars as Yehuda Bauer, Yisrael Gutman and Dov Kulka, will study the many facets of the history of the Holocaust.

"Basically, I think we're interested in finding out where we are in our understanding of the history of the Holocaust," Marrus said. "The subject is only emerging as a detached scholarly inquiry. It takes a very great deal of time to, if you like, 'normalize' the study of the Holocaust."

Marrus said he realizes many people object to seeing the Holocaust this way, but he feels a duty to study it within the context of university study, with as much detachment as possible.

He wants all students to see it as an important part of world history, studied within the context of World War II, not just as a "Jewish studies episode" which is then much easier to drop from the curriculum.

Treating it as something apart, he said, "can be very volatile and, once you have something else to be reverent about, it can disappear. When World War II is studied properly, all students should encounter the massacre of European Jews."

As an example of the integration of Holocaust studies into regular curricula, Marrus brought out a copy of the new senior high school history text used in France which incorporates, among other information on the subject, material from Vichy France and the Jews, which Marrus wrote with Robert Paxton. The Hebrew version of this book will be published in Israel while he is there.

Marrus also warned against fixating on the "demonic" side of the Holocaust and thereby underestimating the tremendous indifference in the nations of the world that aided and abetted it. He said the indifference in, for example, the French and German publics, is far more interesting than their hatreds.

"We must guard against that same indifference in our own activity," he said, "and it takes a kind of objective analysis to bring that to the forefront."

Marrus plans to use some of his time at the Hebrew University to finish his book on European refugee movements, which is expected to be brought out by Oxford University Press in the fall of 1985.

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...but still voracious readers

Israelis put away books in favor of television

By
ERIKA OYSERMAN

JERUSALEM — The Jewish people, who have long flattered themselves as being the People of the Book, are rapidly developing a new pastime. According to a research project carried out by the Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation in 1982 and published under the title Is the Book still of central value in Israeli Culture? Israelis are also becoming the "people of television and video home equipment."

The role of books in the pre-state yishuv, according to the study, was central and in 1932, the number of books published in Eretz Israel was equal to the Jewish population of the country.

The popularity of books in those days can be explained by the lack of existing external stimuli, the modest standard of living in an age that preceded the age of consumerism, and the fact that no television was available.

Today, for at least half of Israel's population, television has become the main source of entertainment. But for the other half, books are still of primary importance.

The Van Leer research claims that 60% of all Israelis are not involved in book reading. Of these, 35% do not read at all, and 24% read very little.

Nearly 50% of the population watches television for over two hours a day and in addition listens to the radio. Of these, 8.1% spend some time reading.

An interesting phenomenon emerges in the comparison of the native-born Israelis of oriental (Afro-Asian) origin who read more (on the average 100 minutes per day) than foreign-born parents (only 74 minutes per day) and native-born Israelis of Western origin who now read less than their parents.

Nevertheless, Israelis are still among the world's most voracious readers. Israelis buy an average, per capita, 4.6 books a year and the average Israeli home sports an impressive 206 books. Israel, according to a recent UNESCO survey, publishes more books, per year, per capita, than any other country.

According to Lorna Soifer, an agent for the Book Publishers Association in Israel, and one of the three literary agents (all of them women) working in Israel, 4,380 titles were published in 1982/83, compared to 4,000 in 1981.

Official printed statistics tell us that about 213 publishers are active in Israel today.

"What goes best these days," she says, "are the how-to books: how to cook, how to discipline your children and how to do many more things."

According to book agent Barbara Rogan, women in Israel buy twice as many books as men. This statistic is confirmed by the Van Leer survey, which adds that women spend more time per day reading than men, but on the other hand, also watch more TV in terms of minutes per day.

But nothing beats cookbooks (some of which sell 25,000 and more copies per year) and biographies of famous people such as former Prime Minister Golda Meir and veteran politician and Knesset member Abba Eban. Yearly sales of such books runs into several tens of thousands.

Poetry, according to Rogan, sells better in Israel than abroad today and classics are slow but steady at 2,000 copies retailed a year. Altogether, about 800 translations are published annually in Israel.

New authors, in Israel as elsewhere, may find it difficult to sell a manuscript. Even in the U.S. only one out of some 40,000 manuscripts is published a year. If the author is unknown, it is practically impossible to find a publisher.

A well known author can get an advance from a publisher without presenting either sypnosis or first chapter.

"And what's more," says Rogan, "the book does not even have to be good!"

Famous people are luckier. Golda Meir received an advance of $1 million from her American publisher before even beginning to write her autobiography!

But in the Land of the Bible, the best best-seller is still the Bible. Commentaries and biblical backgrounds, studies of the Talmud, and other books of a religious nature continue to sell well.

Some 60 new editions of religious books, including studies of the Bible and the Talmud, are printed each month in Israel and the export figure for these texts stands at some $10 million a year.

Altogether, Judaica, archeology and autobiographies of the famous people are keeping Israel's large publishing houses busy.

Israel's annual Hebrew Book Week, held recently at Liberty Bell Garden in Jerasulem was well attended by the public. [WZPS photo]

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Redefinition of Zionist goals

New moves should benefit Jews

By
DR. YORAM BECK

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Two important processes marked the work of the Zionist movement during the year 5744.

The first, the Caesarea Process, was designed to transform Israel's national institutions (Jewish National Fund, Keren Hayesod and the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization). The process aims for a gradual rapprochement of the fund raising leadership of the Jewish Agency to the Zionist principles as embodied in the Jerusalem Program.

The second process, the Herzliya Process, involves a redefinition of Zionist goals and vistas in order to redefine the agenda for the ensuing decades.

Although the outcome of these two processes cannot be predicted, it is clear that a new balance of responsibilities between the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, between the philanthropic and the ideological, will transform both the Agency and the WZO in such a way that the Jewish people will be better served in the coming age.

But while the issues concerning reorganization and policies were being discussed worldwide, a third process, of importance to both Israel and Diaspora Jewry was unfolding in Jerusalem. The growing importance attached to improving and transforming Jewish and Zionist education in the Diaspora came of age in 5744, and promises to be one of the main goals of the remaining years of the present decade.

In order to protect the Jewish people against the perils of assimilation, mixed marriages, and harmful complacency, education is seen as the tool which can serve as a hedge against these dangers while providing the "People of the Book" with the proper education for which they are famous.

During the month of June, the World Conference on Education was convened in Jerusalem as the first step to establish an ambitious project: to erect a whole new machinery to deal both financially and philosophically with today's educational challenges. Among the long term goals are teacher training and an increase in the number of student participants in Israel-related programs, which now stands at an impressive 10,000.

Although aliya was again reaffirmed as the basis for the fulfilment of Zionism, it dwindled as the Soviet Union, which in 1979 allowed 50,000 Jews to emigrate, practically closed its gates to Jewish emigration. Unfortunately for the Zionist movement, increased aliya from the West has not yet fulfilled expectations.

As Zionist leaders shifted some of their attention to the field of Jewish education, with the hope that increased knowledge of Israel will eventually lead to produce greater numbers of olim, the new attention to the Jewish communities in the Diaspora has raised the question if the process will only serve to strengthen the Diaspora itself at the expense of Israel.

Despite the fact that aliya figures have been lower than expected, the government of Israel has continued to establish new settlements. But the settlement infrastructure, both in ed Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district, as well as in the Galilee and the Arava, promises to be able to absorb a large amount of olim should they choose to involve themselves in aliya.

As 5744 moves into 5745, another major effort is also under way. The 9th anniversary of the infamous United Nations Resolution equating Zionism with racism will be marked. The resolution has been viewed by many as a dangerous step in the delegitimization of the Jewish people's national movement and of the State of Israel itself.

To combat the continuous effect of the resolution, the department of information of the World Zionist Organization has begun to wage war against anti-Zionism. With the support of the foreign ministry of Israel, Zionism will be presented as an ideology relevant for today, and as a true humanist approach to enlightened nationalism.

But despite its many foes, Zionism still demonstrates continuous achievements. The recent celebration of the jubilee year of Youth Aliyah crowns a unique enterprise. In 50 years, thousands of youth, who were tragically separated from their families, were educated and given hopeful futures in Israel's Youth Aliyah related institutions.

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History unkind to war heroine

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Recha Freier, who died in Jerusalem this year aged 92, can be said to have facilitated the rescue of an estimated 170,000 children from the Nazi death camps. For she was the founder of Youth Aliyah, the Zionist rescue organization which redeemed so many Jewish youngsters from Hitler's Europe, and which continues to be a haven both for children the world over and for youngsters from Israel's own disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Yet observers feel that history has been unkind to Recha Freier. It is a popular misconception that it was Henrietta Szold (1860-1945) who established Youth Aliyah. In fact it was Freier, a dreamer whose passionate energy could turn inspired thoughts into actual projects, who conceived and initiated the practical work of Youth Aliyah. Henrietta Szold, the organizational genius, was the inspiring figure who steered the movement through its formative years.

Freier was born Recha Schweitzer in 1892 in Norden, Germany. The shape of things to come was left deeply imprinted on her mind when she was barely old enough to read. She always recalled a sign hung by the entrance of the town park which read, "Entrance forbidden to dogs and Jews."

Mocked and abused at school because she was Jewish, she became withdrawn. "A child so wounded can only retreat into a world of dreams," Freier said of her childhood. "I was homesick but I did not know where my home was anymore. I knew about Palestine, though I didn't think it was part of the real world but a place in heaven."

Then one day she read a pamphlet by Ber Borochov, the Russian born Socialist-Zionist thinker. Borochov urged Jews to leave Europe where they would be inevitably persecuted and settle in their own homeland where they would acquire agricultural and workers' skills. "I was fascinated by the possibility," remembers Freier. "At last there seemed an escape from shame and isolation. I began to dream of an exodus of Jewish youth from Europe to Palestine."

But it was not until the nightmare of Nazism took a stranglehold on Germany that the realization of her vision began. A teacher of folklore, she held dear both her Jewish heritage and the culture of Germany. But suddenly in 1932 when a group of youngsters came to tell her that Jews were being thrown out of their jobs simply because they were Jews, Freier felt compelled to act.

"At that moment I felt despair for the situation in Germany but joyous for what could be achieved in Eretz Yisrael," she recollected. "I did not hear voices but was commanded — from I do not know where — and I felt within myself the certainty of success. I began setting up an organization for planting outcast Jewish youth in Palestine and I called it Youth Aliyah."

Recha Freier

At first Henrietta Szold had doubts about the project but a year later in 1933 Szold acknowledged that saving German Jewish youth through Eretz Yisrael, was the top priority and the work of Youth Aliyah began to gain momentum.

Recha Freier and Henrietta Szold seemed destined to quarrel. Sadly they never settled their differences face to face. "On the day of her funeral I stayed a long time near her grave," Freier recounted. "I meditated on the past. She did so much and assumed such an exhausting task. I forgave her and I hope that she forgave me."

Freier continued sending children out of Europe until 1940, when her husband, who was a Berlin rabbi, was expelled from Germany. Arriving in Eretz Yisrael, she became head of the Agricultural Training Centre for Youth in Jerusalem.

In retirement in Israel from 1966 she devoted much of her time to music. In 1957 she founded the Israel Composers' Fund. Fifteen poems that she herself has written have been set to music by German composers and she has published three volumes of prose.

In 1975 she received an honorary doctorate from the Hebrew University and in 1981 she was awarded the Israel Prize for her special contributions to state and society.

Freier is survived by her four children. Shalhevet, a former director of the Atomic Energy Commission is a researcher at the Weizmann Institute of Science. Serem is head of the pediatrics department at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital. Ammud is also an eminent physician and Ma'ayan is an educator who has developed methods for teaching conceptual thinking to disadvantaged children.

But Freier will also be missed by her children — the tens of thousands of youngsters who were offered a lifeline by Youth Aliyah, those Jewish children who had lost their parents, or had to be separated from them by the historical circumstances of recent decades: European Jewry in the 30s and 40s, North African Jewry in the 50s and 60s, Soviet Jewry in the 70s.

Recha Freier's spirit survives in the Youth Aliyah centres in settlements, villages and towns all over modern Israel which currently aid 18,000 children, most of whom are Israelis from disadvantaged homes, orphans or children from broken homes.

Youth Aliyah recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. The fact that its plans for the second half century are no less ambitious than its past achievements is the greatest salute to the life and times of Recha Freier — an oft unsung heroine of European Jewry and an outstanding figure in Zionist history.

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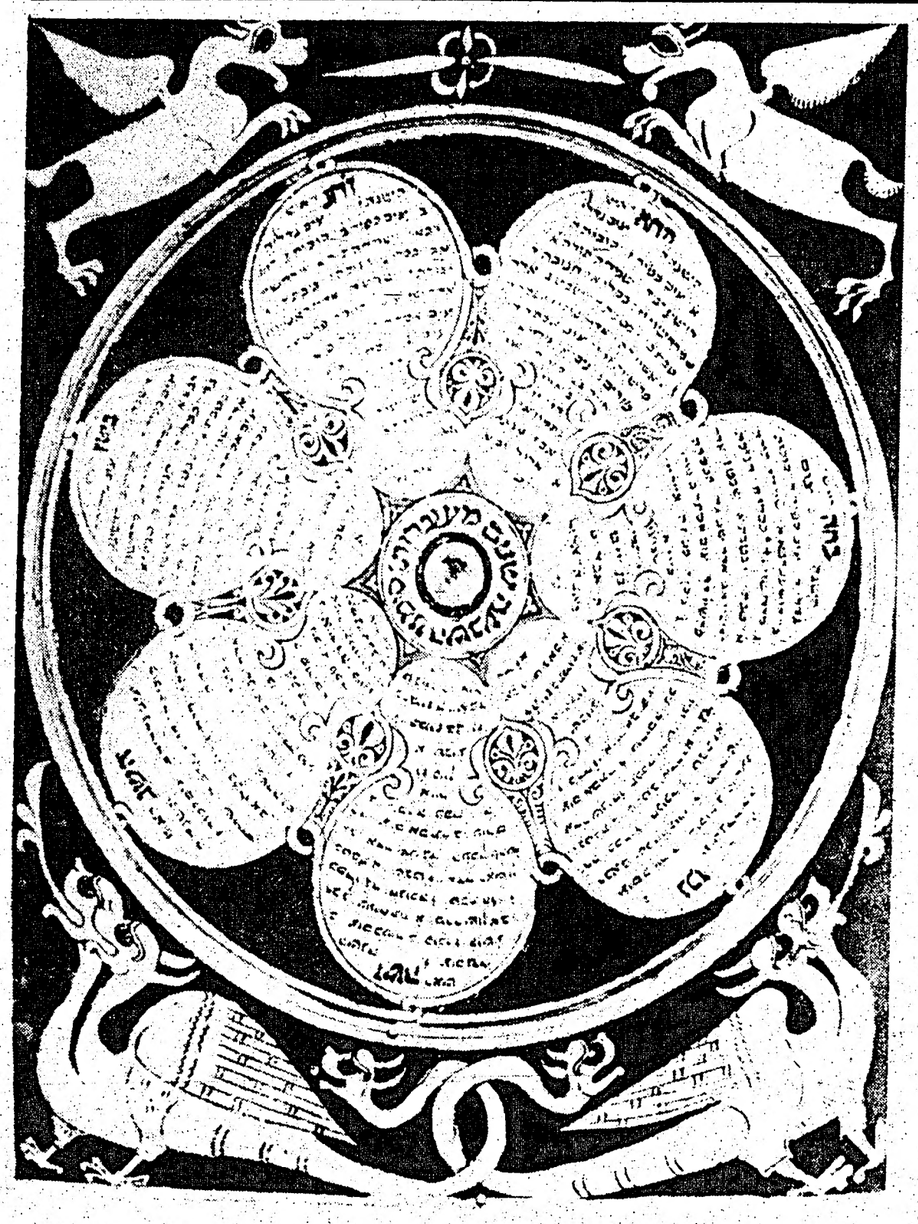

A movable Jewish calendar indicating the dates of festivals in leap years. [WZPS photo]

Dates of festivals based on the Bible

By
YITZCHAK DINUR

JERUSALEM (WZPS) Communications systems have always played a key role in all civilizations. During the period of the Second Temple, the kindling of a bonfire on the Mount of Olives officially decreed that witnesses had observed the new moon in Jerusalem and that the Sanhedrin had announced the beginning of a new month.

The news was transmitted throughout the land of Israel and beyond by chains of mountaintop bonfires which provided the basis for specifying the months and festival dates during and before the Jewish calendar was determined by calculation.

In later years, when bonfires were deemed to be a dangerous means of communicating, the Sanhedrin utilized messengers to announce the new moon.

But this human factor introduced an element of uncertainty, and it was decided that in the Diaspora, major festivals should be observed for two days: a ruling that is still adhered to today.

Unlike the Christian solar calendar, which was reformed by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, the much more ancient Jewish calendar (which harks back to elements held in common with both Babylonian and Greek culture) is lunisolar: lunar months are fitted into the solar year.

Dates of festivals are based upon the bible and, according to ancient tradition, the day begins at sunset the previous evening. It is for this reason that the Jewish Sabbath starts on Friday evening.

As long as the Jewish community and the Sanhedrin in Palestine maintained some vestiges of independence under the Romans, the monthly despatch of messengers continued.

But as this era came to a close, the Head of the Sanhedrin, the Patriarch Hillel the Second in 358 CE made public the hitherto jealously-guarded method of calculating the Jewish calendar.

This system is still basically in force today, having been finally perfected in the 10th century.

The Jewish calendar runs in a cycle of 19 years with lunar months of 29 and 30 days. Since 12 lunar months do not make a full year, in seven of these years — the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th years — a leap month is added to keep the calendar in step with the solar year.

Regular years have 353-354 days and leap years have 383-385 days. Today, because adjustments are made for astronomical and religious reasons, the first of the month sometimes differs from the true day of the new moon by a day or two.

But as a whole, the system is very accurate and will not have to be corrected for thousands of years.

The Jewish calendric era is considered to begin from the creation of the world. It is designated Anno Mundi — AM, not to be confused with a.m. (Ante Meridiem, before noon).

This was arrived at in the 9th century by computation of events in the Bible. By the 12th century it had become determined that the Era of the Creation began on Oct. 7, 3761 BCE. By today's calendar that was 5,745 years ago.

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Torah silent on tradition

No explanation for shofar blowing

By
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The liturgical feature of Rosh Hashanah is the sounding of the shofar. In the Torah, the first day of the seventh month is declared a holiday, a "yom Teruah," "a day of blowing (or: sounding the horn)" [Numbers 29:1].

But what is the symbolism or meaning of the blowing? And why on this day? The Torah gives no explanation.

The shofar, by tradition, is a curved musical instrument, generally made from a ram's horn — although the horn of a goat, antelope or gazelle is also permitted.

The shofar is one of the oldest musical instruments in human history which is still in use.

Blowing the shofar predates Judaism. It is believed that pre-biblical use focused on the "magical" power of the horn. In ancient times, people believed that blasts from a horn could drive away demons. It is striking that this association is picked up by the Talmud which suggests that the shofar can drive away Satan and evil spirits.

Hence, on Rosh Hashanah, the shofar blasts drive away the "prosecuting attorney" — the angel who seeks to convict people when they are on trial for their lives — as all people are judged to be on New Year's day. But the Bible gives no hint of any such function. What did the Bible have in mind by sounding the shofar? For that matter, if the shofar's "power" is to drive away evil spirits it would long ago have lost all significance with the decline of belief in evil spirits.

There are hints of the possible function of the shofar in the Bible. In actual usage: (a) when the Lord "came down" on Sinai, the shofar was sounded in a blast [Exodus 19,19]; (b) when the 50th or jubilee year arrived — the year when slaves were set free and the land was redistributed to all the inhabitants — the shofar was sounded [Leviticus 25].

The verse quoted on the Liberty Bell: "Proclaim freedom throughout the land for all its inhabitants" was fulfilled by the shofar blast [**ibid**, v. 9].

(c) The shofar was used to rally people for war (See Judges 3:27); (d) the shofar was blown as a military signal ("Joshua commanded the children to blow, and the walls came tumblin' down." See Joshua 6:20).

Saadya Gaon points out that the shofar was blown at coronations. The sounding of the shofar on the first day of the seventh month hints at a possible coronation theme.

There are scholars who have argued that Rosh Hashanah is somehow linked to Canaanite annual divine coronation ceremonies when the powers of the gods were "renewed" by human ritual and sympathetic magic so that the earth's fertility would be assured.

The sounding of the shofar, or ram's horn, is an integral part of the high holy days. [Religious News Service Photo]

But the Bible totally rejects any notion of humans giving power to God or/and divine need for "renewal."

In the Jewish context, the shofar blast represents the Jewish people's proclamation that the Lord is their King or Ruler — beyond any earthly ruler — and also that the Lord rules over all the earth. This theme is celebrated in the traditional liturgy for Rosh Hashanah in the Kingship (Malchuyot) section which incorporates 10 Biblical verses citing God as ruler of the world, followed by shofar sounding.

The truth is that in the Bible, Rosh Hashanah itself is not openly identified. The first day of the seventh month (now called Tishrei and the day of Rosh Hashanah) is called "a holy day" and "a day of blowing." But the month of Nissan is called "the head of the months...the first of the months of the year" [Exodus 12:1]. We know that kings' reigns and other political dates were figured from the month of Nissan which was the "political New Year." It remained for the Oral Law and rabbinic literature to articulate the full theme of the Jewish New Year with all the classic associations of humans on trial because every year God assessed each individual person for life and death.

Once the trial theme was elaborated, every Jew needed all the help he could get to pass the trial successfully. Here another association was summoned up. Abraham had bound his son, Isaac, to the altar, prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice in faithfulness to God. A ram was substituted at the end; God wanted no human sacrifice.

But the willingness to sacrifice, both on Abraham and Isaac's part, in itself was a merit that every Jew wished to draw upon. The binding was a classic symbol of Jewish faithfulness. Tradition insisted that the shofar be made of ram's horn to summon up the association with the Akedah, the Binding of Isaac.

In this interpretation, the shofar sound is a cry for mercy and forgiveness, and possibly one which recollects the cries and tears of Isaac's (and all Jewish) martyrdom. This theme was built into the second section of the traditional liturgy (Zichronot — memories) whose 10 biblical verses summon up God's remembering for mercy and grace.

The two primary sounds of the shofar capture both themes. The first called Tekiah, is a straight, long blast — a grand sound which was used for proclamation and coronation.

The second sound is called Teruah, three broken or wavering sounds. Here two traditions of the sound developed in different Jewish communities. One version held that it was a moaning sound — expressed in three broken sounds (shevarim — broken). The other version held that it was an outcry type sound, i.e., three times three or nine staccato, almost bleating sounds (Teruah — alarm sound).

Clearly this sound in either version was a cry for mercy invoking Isaac's sacrifice or an alarm at the coming trial — or both.

The tradition was to blow one straight blast, one broken and one straight, in sets of three together. After the destruction, Jews came together from communities with differing versions of the Teruah. To avoid splintering and dissension, Rabbi Abbahu of Caesarea ruled that a set of each sound version be blown and, for good measure, one incorporating both broken sounds together. This became the practice down to today.

Judaism is a religion with a powerful forward thrust. The central Jewish dream is of a final redemption in which the whole world will be perfected and all humanity set free from war, oppression, poverty and sickness. Therefore, the rabbis were not satisfied just to evoke memory — i.e., to look back for the sake of mercy and just to proclaim God as Ruler in the present. They added a third dimension to the liturgy — called Shofrot (literally — shofar sounds) — which summons up the verses of future redemption.

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A book published every 2 hours fuels reading habits of Israelis

By DAVID BIRKAN

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Savita Simcha and the Cinammon Tree, by Yaffa Ganz. Feldheim Publishers.

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Follow the Moon: A Journey Through the Jewish Year, by Yaffa Ganz. Feldheim Publishers.

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Law and Religion: The Jewish Experience, by Ze'ev Falk. Mesharim Publishers.

Israel is rapidly becoming the centre of books of traditional content, for children and adults. One of the facts to emerge from the latest annual book fair, with its myriad of titles, was that a new book is published here every two hours.

Two new offerings from veteran English-language publisher Feldheim are in the process of endearing themselves to readers on both sides of the ocean.

Savta Simcha and the Cinammon Tree follows the further adventures of a loving, lanky Jewish grandmother. She's a Mary Poppins-like figure, but older, wiser, and a Jerusalemite. Also, she doesn't work for a living ... at least not anymore.

Returns before Purim

She has made her debut toting umbrella and oversized satchel in Savta Simcha and the Incredible Shabbes Bag. This bag, which she took with her on a trip to a small town in North America, contained all the items needed for an enjoyable Shabbat — including her 200-year-old family samovar. Their use fascinated all the friends she made.

Homesickness and concern for her husband Uncle Nechemya and their home at 3 Rimmon Rd. cut her visit to Wintergreen City short.

Well, she returns just before Purim. The house is in a mess. Jerusalem is in the midst of one of its worst snowstorms ever.

Uncle Nechemya has a new assistant, a young orphan by the name of Ezra, who is finding it hard to adjust to his new home. Simcha and Nechemya sort things out, as they celebrate Purim, Pesach, Lag B'amer, Shavuoth and Tisha B'Av in their colorful traditional neighborhood.

The cinammon tree of the title is the "tall sentinel" in Savta Simcha's backyard, which she planted as a little girl with her grandfather. It serves as her "tea and cookie tree because she had made thousands of cups of tea and zrillions (so she said) of cookies from its ground-up bark."

The text is substantial; its concrete imagery recalls the sights, smells and sounds of Jerusalem. The full-color drawings by Bina Gewirtz are a delight. The book's 96 pages includes a glossary of Yiddish and Hebrew words.

Follow the Moon, also by Yaffa Ganz, is a children's guide to the cycle of the Jewish year. Full-color ilustrations, by Harvey Klineman, and concise text highlight important events, festivals and practices, month by month. The counting begins with the month of Nissan, ordained in the Torah as "the beginning of your months ... the first month of your year."

A chart on the inside front cover reviews religious celebrations of each month. The inside back cover is devoted to a basic glossary.

Colorful, interesting, readable

Follow the Moon is in the style of Who Knows One by Yaffa Ganz, familiar to many young readers, which introduces basic concepts in Judaism.

Follow the Moon is colorful, interesting and readable. It's a good first reference for grade school children — one which they will undoubtedly read and refer to with considerable attachment.

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Law and religion is a philosophical and social exploration of legalistic aspects of Judaism. It is well-researched and documented, and — for a scholarly and academic book — surprisingly readable. Author Ze'ev Falk is a law professor at the Hebrew University.

Judaism is the only major religion that claims a direct revelation by God to an entire populace, the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. It is the only major religion in which reason, argument and logic play as vital a role for its entire populace as the items of faith and observance they are meant to elucidate.

Falk describes concepts like liberty, democracy, equality, human rights, and disobedience, comparing their general usage with their interpretations in Judaism.

He also explores the various aspects of laws, including their authority, application, evolution, and philosophical implications.

He discusses the apparent contradictions between faith and proof, and how this is resolved by Judaism.

Ze'ev's 240-page study is more than an enlightening explanation and commentary. It is in essence a synthesis of the highest forms of Western scholarship and philosophy, and Judaism, and augurs well for all three.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

San Juan boasts strong community

By
WILLIAM FRANKEL

SAN JUAN (JCNS) — Until I visited the island, the only Jewish connection with Puerto Rico that I was aware of was its role in Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story.

It was the result of a casual riffle through the pages of the local telephone directory that I learned of the existence of a Jewish community centre in San Juan, the capital. Needless to say, it is listed in that invaluable compendium, the Jewish Travel Guide.

Puerto Rico is a verdant tropical island in the Caribbean, the most easterly and smallest of the Greater Antilles group of which Cuba is the largest. Occupied by Spain early in the 16th century, it was ceded to the U.S. after the Spanish-American War of 1898.

Only 32 years ago, Puerto Rico was granted the status of a free commonwealth associated with the United States. Spanish remains the vernacular, although American influences have all but overwhelmed the distinctiveness of this holiday paradise.

The earliest record of Jews living there is in 1898, but if the late Cecil Roth was right in his speculation in the Encyclopedia Judaica as to the ancestry of Christopher Columbus, the explorer was the first person of Jewish descent to visit the island. He is said to have landed there on his second voyage to the New World in 1493.

Some local historians suggest that many Spanish Jews came in the 16th century to escape the Inquisition, but if they did, they have left no trace. The Jews who came before World War II were so few that it was not until the early 1930s that they constituted a minyan.

That was the sole expression of Jewish life on the island until it became a military base and training centre during the war. The exiguous local Jewish community, by then about 35 families rallied to offer hospitality and services to the Jewish military personnel to such effect that in 1942 the Jewish Community Centre came into existence.

Originally, its activities were pursued in private homes or hotels, but when the post-war movement of populations more than doubled the Jewish community of San Juan, the community centre acquired its present building. It was then a large house of architectural distinction built by a former student of Frank Lloyd Wright, and one of the few modern buildings to be scheduled as a national monument.

The next major expansion followed Castro's takeover in Cuba. (Incidentally, Castro's first cabinet included a Jew and the news was headlined in a New York Yiddish paper as "Fidel mit sein Yiddel.")

The institution of a Communist regime in Cuba led to the emigration of most of the Jewish community. Many settled in Florida and others went to Puerto Rico, which, being Spanish speaking, presented them with no language problem. The present Jewish community numbers some 600 families and is predominantly Cuban.

With this growth came the need to expand facilities and the community centre underwent an extensive renovation costing almost $1 million. On Feb. 15 of 1984, the building was rededicated in the presence of the governor and the mayor.

It is splendid and tastefully designed, set well back from the road in a colorful garden. Its main feature is a graceful modern synagogue, named Shaare Zedek, seating some 500 when fully extended.

The membership of the synagogue, which is Conservative and affiliated to the United Synagogue of America, consists of about 250 families. Elsewhere in the city is a smaller Reform congregation supported by about 50 families, all of them American.

Housed in the Centre are well-equipped classrooms used not only for Sunday school, but for afternoon classes which are held twice weekly.

For all the usual reasons, Jewish education stops at bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah. Part of the problem locally is the lack of a rabbi.

Shaare Zedek has been looking for almost two years, so far without success. Here a rabbi would have to perform every variety of religious function, a prospect which potential candidates clearly do not relish.

At the present time, a former student of Yeshiva University in New York, now pursuing his studies on the island, conducts the services. The Reform temple also relies on volunteer laymen.

But even though religious life cannot be said to be throbbing with vitality, Jewish commitment expresses itself abundantly in a range of communal organizations. The two most important, the United Jewish Appeal and Hadassah, are housed in the communal centre. Most of the cultural activity is Israel-oriented.

The Jews of Puerto Rico are, in the main, engaged in business and some of them have been highly successful. Among them are several "big givers" to Israel, which accounts for the presence of an Israeli emissary who directs the operations of the UJA and the cultural committee.

As a newly established group, it is hardly surprising that Jews play little part in public life, although there have been some exceptions, the most outstanding being Cecil Snyder, who was the first Chief Justice of the Puerto Rico Supreme Court.

The growth of the island as a tourist resort which has everything and its potential as a manufacturing centre strongly suggests that there will be more Jews coming there both as visitors and residents.

What has already been achieved by the commitment of the founders of this small community has provided the foundation on which much more is likely to be constructed in the years ahead.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Israelis pioneer new ventures

Little fanfare for space agency

By
YITZCHAK DINUR

JERUSALEM — At the beginning of 1983, Israel's minister of science and development, Yuval Ne'eman, established the Israel Space Agency to coordinate present Israeli space study and pioneer new ventures to take Israel to the front in this vital scientific area.

The agency's establishment was not widely publicized and the media largely ignored it. In part, this probably resulted from doubts as to the contribution that a tiny country such as Israel could make to space science, an extremely expensive area generally considered to be reserved for super-powers and technical giants ...

However, Israeli space science is quite well based. A straight line leads from Israel's successful launching of a meteorological research rocket in 1961, via Israel's high quality military missiles (which are a spin-off of that research) to the present space agency with its varied space, communications and industrial-economic interests.

Israel's well-developed electronics industry, missile expertise and physics research provide a good basis for and also stand to benefit from developments promoted by this youngest space agency.

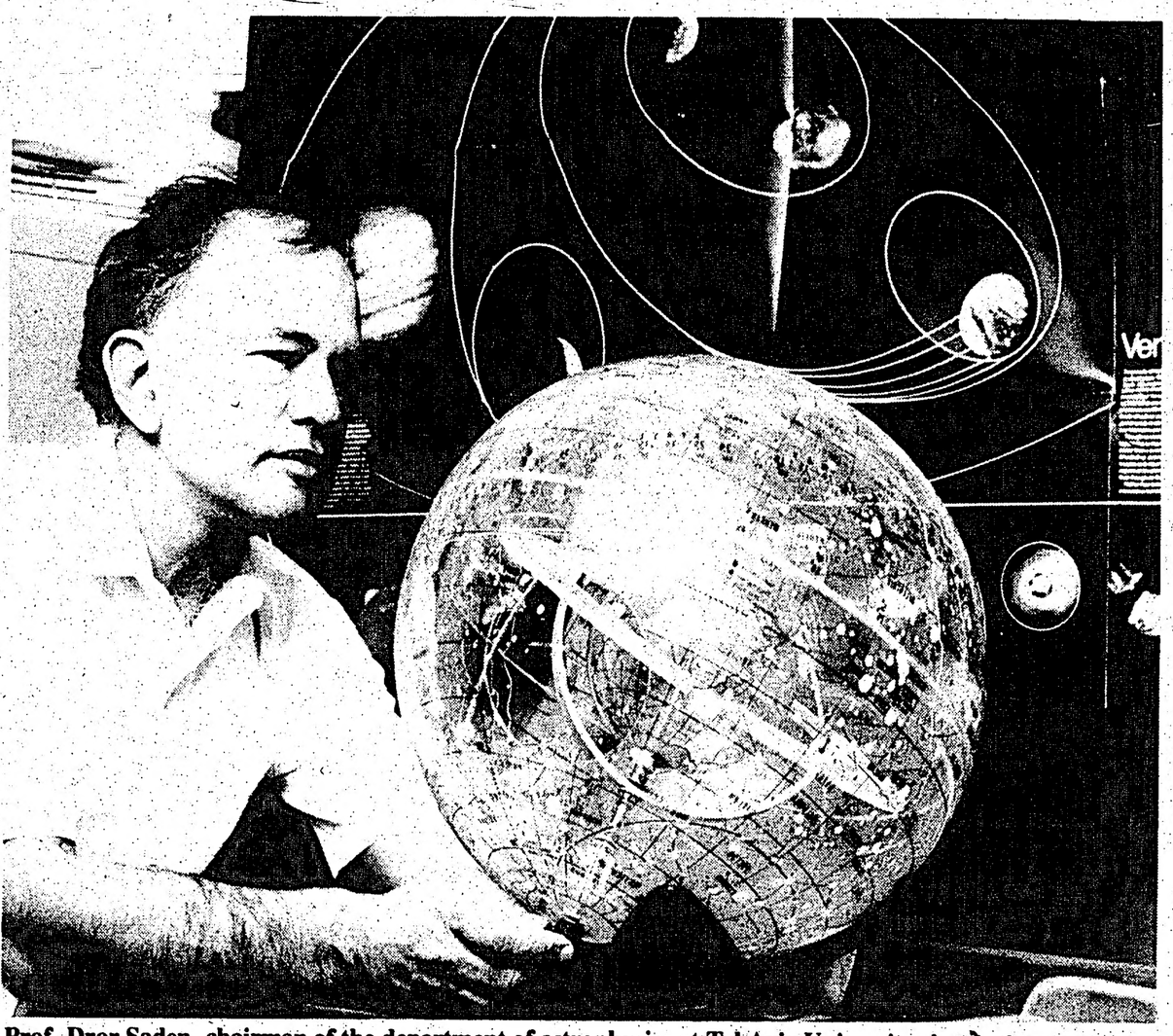
Because of its insecure political situation and uncomfortable geopolitical location, Israel needs to be independent in vital areas, including space science and satellite communication.

Long-term national strategic planning must provide the wherewithal to forestall a situation where, for example, the services of the communications satellite presently transmitting Israel's commercial, political and other messages, might be suspended.

Israel must be prepared to meet the challenge of Arab-Sat, a communications satellite owned by a 19-nation Arab consortium, including the PLO, which when set in the sky over the Middle East in 1985 will grant the Arabs great intelligence advantages.

Tel Aviv born Prof. Dror Sadeh heads the agency. Sadeh, who studied physics at Hebrew University and the Sorbonne, specialized in astro-physics in the U.S. and is now chairman of the department of astro-physics at Tel Aviv University. Far from being worried by the lack of publicity, he is gratified that the agency is being allowed to carry on its work far from the public eye.

The agency's staff is small: five paid administrative staff supporting several score physicists, planetary scientists and engineers who provide their services voluntarily.



Prof. Dror Saden, chairman of the department of astrophysics at Tel Aviv University, heads the new Israel Space Agency. [WZPS photo]

As part of a collaboration agreement, NASA (National Aeronautic and Space Administration) gave the Israel Space Agency knowledge it had acquired by years of hard work — a gesture of confidence in Israel's ability to create new knowledge in space science.

In light of the need for space science, Tel Aviv University and the Technion — Israel's Institute of Technology — are establishing a joint Center for Space Studies, with the aim of preparing a body of talented young people trained in space sciences, who will constitute the future basis for Israeli independence in this sphere.

One of the nascent centre's first tasks will be to produce space, astronomy and astro-physics textbooks in Hebrew for the science trend in Israeli secondary schools.

The space agency will aid and collaborate with the space studies centre, as it is already collaborating internationally with the well-established agencies — the United States' NASA and the European Space Agency — in experiments and studies in which Israel supplies particular expertise.

The objective is to achieve maximum results in the search for new space and planetary knowledge through strategic utilization of a small budget, by almost literally hitching a ride on someone else's space shuttle, and sharing the knowledge discovered.

The eventual production and despatch of an Israeli satellite based on Israeli know-how and industry would be both another proof of Israeli capability and a great step towards maintaining Israel's intellectual, economic and scientific independence.

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Wonder Woman replaced

Smurfs give Israelis smiles during tough times

By
DIANE GREENBERG

JERUSALEM (WZPS)

With inflation at 400%, who needs crazes?

In most respects, Israel is a very normal society which this past year was taken over by the smurfs. In Israel they are called "Dardasim." In Hebrew dardas is s slipper, nanas is a dwarf or elf, and dadarck is an Aramaic word for a child. The irrefutable logic of the Hebrew language created the Dardasim, who luckily for the many political parties failed to file a slate for the 11th Knesset elections!

Commercialism ran riot and the Dardasim were to be found on chocolate wrappers, garbage and sandwich bags, sneakers, T-shirts, notepaper and shampoo—apart from the obvious things like toys, dolls and books.

The craze was at its most extravagant during the festival of Purim which commemorates the rescue of the Jewish people in Persia by the Queen Esther and Mordecai. There is always a wonderful carnival atmosphere which pervades the country during Purim and everyone, children and adults alike dress up for parties and street parades. Some show up as the traditional characters from the Purim story, while others are transformed into cowboys and clowns.

However this year it was the turn of the Dardasim. Their blue painted faces and grotesque outsize feet stole the show from any of the supermen and cowboys lurking around.

The Dardasim have a weekly television show which is a lot of fun and has no pretensions as to being educational. Once in a while one of the characters does come out with something apt and good like "Don't hate your enemy especially when he's in trouble."

But what is most interesting about the smurfs and muppets, which are also enormously popular in Israel, is their international appeal. They really seem able to overcome political and ideological differences and are watched in a number of different countries all over the world. A political wag suggested that if Israel and Jordan ever wanted to start peace talks they should begin by watching the muppets together.

Before the advent of the Dardasim the most popular lady in Israel was Wonder Woman. There was even a request by the minister of religion to change the time of the show because it began before the Sabbath ended, making religious fans unable to see it. Television House readily agreed.

Wonder Woman in Hebrew was called "Eshet Chayil," a valiant woman. The mis-translation caused a stir here due to the fact that Eshet Chayil in praise of the virtuous and industrious Jewish wife and mother, is sung in traditional Jewish homes as the Shabbat is welcomed. Television's Eshet Chayil, with her liberally endowed figure and fan club of fathers and kids, had no real need of a hymn of praise!

Another craze this past year in Israel is stickers. They're currently the main take-home gift from birthday parties which come in the form of miniature pictures of animals, flowers, fruits, cartoon characters and of course the Dardasim. As a fad they have a short life span since once the children have stuck them on the wall or closet nothing further can be done with them. But they seem to have historical staying power, recently bolstered by the Israel Museum's exhibition of stickers and scraps dating back more than a hundred years.

Apart from different fairy tale heroes and heroines, there were some especially Jewish scraps depicting scenes from the various festivals and some Zionist ones of Herzl and other famous leaders.

During the soft fruit season gargantuan collections of apricot pits are won and lost as children compete for them as they are pitched into open Coca-Cola cans. Visitors to Israel often complain about the sunflower seed shells which litter the streets but because of the children's games with pits, you never find a peach or plum pit lying around. They're much too valuable!

Crazes come and crazes go. They can be sheer follies or just plain exasperating. But thank goodness we have them as an enjoyable safety valve for our pressure cooker society.

Yom Kippur services planned for Book Fair

NEW YORK —

A North American initiative to provide Yom Kippur services for persons attending the 1984 Frankfurt Book Fair has been undertaken by the JWB Jewish Book Council with the cooperation and assistance of representatives of the book publishing industry.

The Frankfurt Book Fair will take place Oct. 3 to Oct. 8. Oct. 6 is Yom Kippur, the holiest of all Jewish holidays. This 1984 scheduling drew reactions of anguish and astonishment from publishers in America, Great Britain, France, Brazil, and Israel. Officials of the Fair said that they had been unaware of the 1984 date of Yom Kippur and could not reschedule the event.

To accommodate persons at the Fair who wish to attend Yom Kippur services, the JWB Jewish Book Council in cooperation with the JWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy and an ad hoc committee of representatives from the book industry, has arranged for a Yom Kippur service to take place in Halle West on the fair grounds beginning with Kol Nidre prayers before sunset Friday, Oct. 5, and continuing throughout Saturday, Oct. 6.

Rabbi Howard Singer, of New York, author, lecturer, and former Jewish chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, will conduct the service. He was chosen for the occasion because of his close ties with the publishing world. He received his ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary, he served a year in Israel on a kibbutz, and also served during the Korean war as a U.S. Air Force chaplain.

Rabbi David Lapp, director of JWB's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, said that chaplain Avi Weiss, who serves with the U.S. military community in Frankfurt, will attempt to provide a Torah Scroll and a portable ark for the services. JWB is also shipping more than 400 copies of the High Holy prayerbook which is published for the use of U.S. Jewish military personnel.

The traditional memorial service will include a special observance in memory of the Six Million who died in the Holocaust.

To prevent future conflicts between the dates of the Frankfurt Book Fair and Yom Kippur, Ronald Weber, head of the press and information department, Frankfurt Book Fair, said, "We have checked the dates of Yom Kippur through 1990."

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Novel plan for school

Jews play key role in Peruvian life

By
YAACOV HASSON

LIMA, PERU —

Jewish presence in Peru goes back to the time of the Spanish conquest. In 1532 Francisco Pizarro began his attacks on the Inca Empire, rumors of whose colossal treasure had been circulating for some time.

Some of the mainly military leaders are said to have been Crypto-Jews. By the first half of the 16th century Crypto-Jews, mostly from Portugal, had become the masters of the country's commerce.

In 1569, Philip II instituted the Inquisition in Lima and many Judaizers went bravely to their death.

The last victim was burned at the stake by the Peruvian Inquisition on Dec. 23, 1736.

Modern Jewish history in Peru began around the middle of the last century with the arrival in Lima, the capital city, of some Central European merchants and engineers. By 1870 they were numerous enough to form a community. La Sociedad de Beneficencia Israelita, and five years later they acquired land for a cemetery.

Such were the erosions of intermarriage and conversion that not one of the descendants of the original members is a member of the Jewish community today, although later Central European, German-speaking Jews took over the synagogue from the first arrivals.

Around 1880 Sephardi Jews, mainly from North Africa, began to arrive, drawn by the "rubber fever." A community was established in Iquitos, the capital city of the Amazon region of Peru. There still remains a Jewish cemetery with tombstones inscribed in Hebrew.

At the beginning of the present century there were only a few hundred Jews in Peru. Following a wave of refugees after World War I from the battered Turkish Empire, the population rose to 3,000.

Positive dynamic role

Small numbers of Jews migrating after Hitler came into power managed to get entry visas to Peru.

After World War II, the Jewish population reached a figure of 6,000 but the community has shrunk to about 5,000.

Almost all the Jews of Peru (98%) live in Lima and maintain an active religious, communal and Zionist life. Although a small minority of the Peruvian population of 18 million, Jews play a positive and dynamic role in the business, professional and industrial areas, particularly the textile industry.

Ninety-eight percent of Jewish children of school age are enrolled at the Leon Pinelo School, established 35 years ago and one of the best in the country, with about 1,000 pupils. The school extends from kindergarten to secondary education.

Two years ago it launched a novel plan: having its pupils study for four months in a college in Israel.

The central institution of the community is the Association Judia del Peru which coordinates activities and represents the total community. It is composed of the Union Israelita, the organization of Ashkenazi Jews (75%); the Sociedad Sefaradi (15%); and the Sociedad 1870, which brings together Jews of German origin (10%).

It also includes the youth and women's organizations, the B'nai B'rith and the Zionist Federation.

Active social programs

Representatives of the three *kehilot* rotate in occupying the presidency of the association, which is a member of the World Jewish Congress.

There is a Jewish club, Hebraica, which is affiliated to the World Maccabi Union and which has active sports, cultural and social programs.

The Jewish press consists of the daily JTA Bulletin which covers also local news. The Hebraica Club publishes a weekly bulletin, and the community's monthly, La Union, is entering its ninth year of existence.

Religious life is concentrated in four synagogues (three of which are Orthodox, one Conservative), and two rabbis.

The Great Synagogue and the Sephardi Synagogue have a daily minyan and there are Sabbath services conducted by young people of the community.

There are no kosher restaurants. Mixed marriages, which practically did not occur till a few years ago, are now a significant factor.

There are good ongoing relations between the community and the church.

There is no official anti-semitism, but a few anti-semitic groups are active and their publications are freely on sale at the newspaper stands of Lima. Through its Human Relations Committee the community has endeavored to fight these phenomena which are contrary to the democratic spirit of the country.

Maintains friendly relations

Relations with Israel are close and important. Peru voted in favor of the 1947 partition resolution at the UN and maintains close and friendly relations with Israel. The most respected figures of Peruvian intellectual life spoke up vigorously against the 1975 UN resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Since 1979 the only PLO office in South America has been established in Peru. It keeps up a steady anti-semitic campaign under the cover of anti-Zionism and its infamous propaganda reaches university and press circles.

The situation has been made worse by the appearance of terrorism in Peru since the middle of 1980, particularly through a Maoist group called "Sendero Luminoso" (Way of Light). A thousand people have been killed - terrorists, policemen and civilians.

Voices in the Peruvian parliament have denounced this state of affairs, and there have been demands for an investigation into the activities of the PLO and its links with the Sendero Luminoso.

The terrorist attacks have occurred in the major population centres. The Jewish school of Lima, the Great Synagogue and several Jewish business establishments have been among their targets.

In view of the fact that Sendero Luminoso has no obvious anti-semitic connotations, many independent observers have accused the PLO of these outrages and have insisted on its being expelled.

The Jewish community is an integral part of the general population. It maintains contact with all sectors of the government and of public opinion.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Give Judaica books as gift for children

By
JOAN SICHEL

MONCTON, NB — As a Jewish parent in small-town Moncton, who grew up in Montreal, I find that the local public library is my greatest aid when I try to instil a sense of Jewish identity in my children.

Here are some worthwhile Judaica books for children I've enjoyed recently and would recommend as excellent Rosh Hashanah gifts for youngsters.

The Jewish Canadians by Harry Gutkin is one in the Multicultural Canada Series by Nelson Canada. The book chronicles the history of the Jews in Canada, describing the lives of the immigrants and their families and descendants.

Interspersed with the historical events is information on religious and cultural life.

This book would be interesting for any Jewish child just to read, to put her own family thread in the Canadian Jewish tapestry.

to God, rescues the imprisoned princess.

The stories bring to mind the mysticism of Singer. Such a joyful volume deserves a home with children of all ages.

Holiday Tales of Sholom Aleichem contains seven stories selected and translated by Aliza Shevrin especially for young readers. The flavor of the Yiddish comes through in her skilful translations, two of which have not previously appeared in English.

The pen-and-ink drawings give an Old World atmosphere. The characters are timeless, and we see how the festivals and customs were woven into the fabric of everyday life.

Two holiday picture books now available include *One Little Goat, a Passover Song*, adapted and illustrated by Marilyn Hirsh, and *Hannukkah Festivals and Holidays* by June Behrens.

In *One Little Goat*, Marilyn Hirsh has illustrated the song, Had Gadya, sung at the end of the seder, as a play. She created an original production, with costumes and props, and in the book we see the children leaping and laughing and dancing. It's an original rendition of the classic, and the music is given so children can sing along.

The Hannukkah storybook by June Behrens is special, as it illustrates in photographs a modern family, children, grandparents and friends celebrating together.

Background to the holidays is provided in a warm, non-didactic way, with photos of the rabbi, temple and families in California, who are shown in the story. They bring to life the experience of the holiday in a warm retelling of the old story.

Sephardic migrations omitted

A discussion of the Holocaust is presented, with the immigration and adoption of a refugee child.

Discrimination and anti-semitism in Canadian life are also described — something our children don't often read about in the Canadian experience.

I was disappointed to find no mention of the recent Sephardic migrations to Canada, and that the book implied, by omission, that the only Jews in Canada live in Montreal, Toronto or Vancouver.

This book is valuable, as it is one of a series on ethnic Canadians, and provides questions for discussion following every change in topic.

Elijah's Violin and Other Jewish Fairy Tales, selected and retold by Howard Schwartz, is a marvelous treat for children.

This collection of 36 Jewish fairy tales from Eastern Europe, Egypt, Morocco, Persia, Babylon, Spain, Israel and even India, comes from oral traditions, some earlier than the 5th century.

We meet the usual fairy tale characters — witches, kings, princesses, demons — but also Jewish scholars, magical rabbis, Jewish prayers, holidays and traditions. It is the Jewish young man who through wit, perseverance and fidelity

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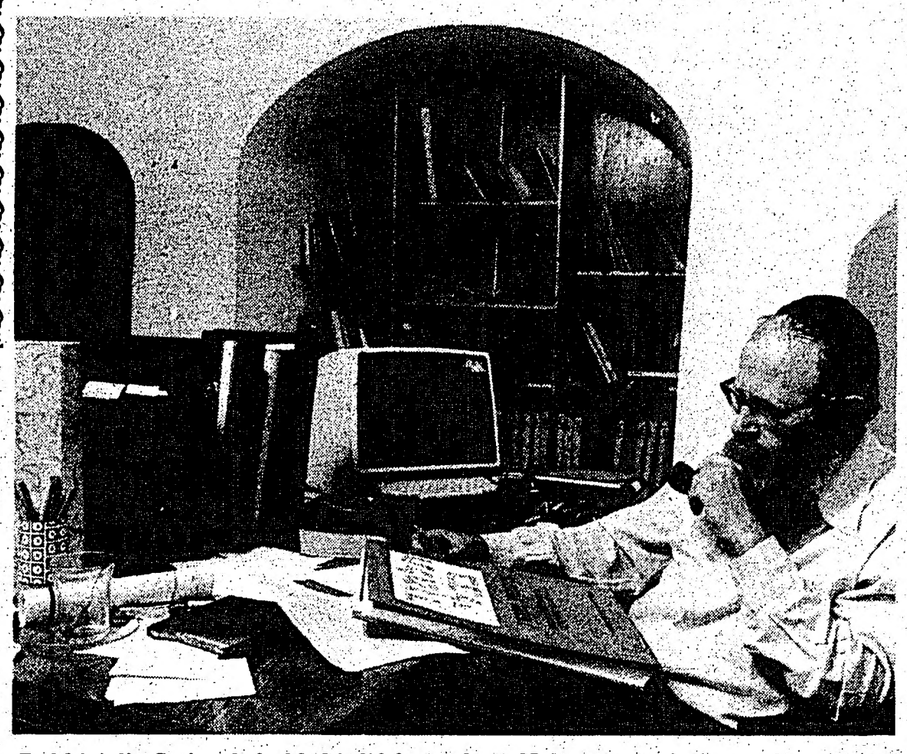

Rabbi Adin Steinsalz holds his life's work - a Hebrew translation and commentary of the Babylonian Talmud. [WZPS photo]

Teshuva means more than mere repentance

By
DR. DAVID GEFFEN

JERUSALEM —

Today in Israel one of the leading books on the market is a book innocently called Teshuva. Authored by Rabbi Adin Steinsalz, it is a succinct introduction to this subject by a Jerusalemite who by consensus is considered to possess one of the most innovative minds in the Jewish world today.

The theme of Teshuva, central to the Days of Awe, recurs year in and year out, and challenges us dramatically. The word Teshuva, frequently translated as "repentance," stems from the Hebrew root, "shuv," which means to return.

However, with each passing Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Teshuva means much more than mere return or repentance.

In actual fact it is a dynamic, vital process in which the individual immerses himself or herself completely. Teshuva begins to operate in our being when we come to terms with certain of our inner feelings and failings and we are prepared to make a commitment to change.

"Teshuva, in its broadest sense," Steinsalz emphasizes, "is not merely a turning away from sins and transgressions previously committed. Instead it is a new awakening on the part of the individual and a desire by him to create a strong tie with the world of holiness."

Steinsalz likes to cite the statement in the Talmud which notes that the link between God and man is a "hut," a string. That connection, unfortunately, can be severed by human sin.

However, Steinsalz notes, that when the individual does Teshuva, he ties the string anew. That cord is strengthened just at the point that it broke, and the link between man and God has become an even stronger one.

A native of Jerusalem, Steinsalz came to the attention of the world several years ago when he was featured in Newsweek which commented that a mind, such as that possessed by Steinsalz, appears on the scene once every 2,000 years.

Israelis have known about him for quite a while as the rabbi who was trying to make the Talmud accessible by annotating the text, translating the Aramaic into Hebrew and even illustrating the text where it was appropriate.

The Talmud, closed to all but the initiated for centuries, is now becoming an open book for all to study. Involved in this labor since 1965, he handles this project almost singlehandedly with only a few assistants and a computer.

Over half of the Steinsalz edition of the Talmud has appeared, and he methodically continues his intense work.

A philosopher and scholar, a mystic and expert in Jewish law, Steinsalz is one of the unique religious personalities alive today. His insights into all aspects of Jewish existence and Jewish knowledge are sought by many, and he is visited by scientists and rabbis alike.

"Most Jews are neither here or there," Steinsalz was quoted recently as saying. "They are nowhere. As a consequence, there is a tremendous restlessness as they seek to find their place."

Individuals seeking to define their role in life gravitate regularly to Jerusalem. Many find their place in yeshivot. Others, however, come to study with Steinsalz in his famous Thursday evening class at his Shefa Institute on Shlomzion HaMalka St.

Those who participate are a unique combination of old-timers, novices, men and women. There is tremendous interaction as he explains the Talmudic text, weaving into it his encyclopedic knowledge of halacha, Kaballah and modern physics among other disciplines.

Steinsalz, 47, married with three children, stems from a home in which the emphasis was on socialistic Zionism with an anti-religious bent. It is therefore no surprise that he read Marx and Lenin in Hebrew before reading the Talmud.

At 15 he rebelled, went to a yeshiva and took the road into the world of Talmud, a world in which today he is a renowned master.

"Teshuva, in this modern age," Steinsalz points out, "is the return of the individual to the furnace from which he was formed. It is a return to his people from both an historical and ethical dimension." For Steinsalz, Teshuva does not have just a moral side to it — there is also a national return to one's people and in time perhaps to one's land.

In his book, Steinsalz describes the initiation of the process of Teshuva by relating to the original Exodus from Egypt. "When the Jewish people got to the Red Sea," he writes, "there was that moment of doubt and indecision, when everything was halted in its tracks. Then Nachshon ben Aminadav jumped into the water and the rest followed."

In the process of beginning Teshuva, Steinsalz stresses, "there is that moment of truth when the individual is faced by a barrier impending his forward progress. He either stops and has his security or he takes the plunge, endangering himself but moving forward."

At the start of the New Year each of us is in a sense asked whether we are prepared to make the change — whether we are prepared to enter into the vital stream of Teshuva.

If we are ready to rise to that challenge this year, we must consider what Steinsalz has demonstrated. Only we can take that leap of faith; only we can effect that change and make Teshuva a reality.

לשנה טובה תכתבו

Edmond James first

Rothschild featured on 54 Israeli stamp

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

Not only Israel has featured a Rothschild on its stamps, but so have other countries throughout the world — either portraits of Rothschild members or to endeavors to which they have given assistance.

The first Rothschild to appear on a stamp was Edmond James on an Israel stamp of 1954 on the 20th anniversary of his death. A member of the French branch of the banking family, he had done much to help early settlements before World War I and to develop the wine industry in the country. He was a noted art collector and philanthropist.

The African Republic of Togo in 1980 issued four stamps for the 200th anniversary of the birth of French painter Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres. One value featured Betty Rothschild, one of the great beauties of the mid-19th century, the mother of Edmond James. She was a philanthropist in her own right and was the leading society hostess in Paris in the 1840s.

Betty Rothschild was the wife of James Jacob Rothschild, the youngest of the five sons of Mayer Amschel, the first of the family in Frankfort-am-Main to do a banking business for the German nobility. James Jacob founded the French branch of the family in 1812 at Paris as an agent of his older brother Nathan Mayer.

He became financier to French and Belgian kings and was a major railroad developer.

James Jacob and Betty built a vast mansion at Ferrieres with its own synagogue. Betty was a patron of German Jewish poet Heinrich Heine.

The Rothschild family delved into many fields of finance, culture and science. While only two family members have been portrayed on stamps to date, a number of countries have honored their work in various fields with stamps.

The African republic of Mali, for example, in 1973 issued three stamps to early railways, one value of which features a locomotive of the Paris-St. Germain Railway which James Jacob had started in 1837.

Lionel Walter Rothschild, a member of the English branch of the family, lived from 1868 to 1937, was an ardent naturalist when not busy in the banking field. Central America's Costa Rica in a 1979 series of stamps to butterflies featured the Rothschilds on one value.

The English Channel island of Jersey on a 1972

Israel's 1954 stamp to Edmond James Rothschild

stamp shows the Rothschild's mynah bird.

Papua New Guinea in the South Pacific had four stamps depicting butterflies which are credited with being named by Lionel Walter, who had his own private zoo at his English estate.

France from 1863 to 1870, issued stamps portraying Napoleon III. The French branch of the Rothschild family were the bankers for this emperor and during these years quantities of the various values were issued for exclusive use of the banking family.

While the stamps for sale at post offices were perforated to make it easier to separate them from each other, as are most stamps today, the ones for the Rothschilds were issued imperforate. It was necessary to cut the stamps apart with scissors. They are known in philatelic circles as the Rothschild issue, are catalogued at considerably higher price today than the perforated variety of the 1863-70 issue.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Israeli war orphans enjoy a pool party while visiting Toronto.

Canadians treat fatherless children

By DORIS STRUB EPSTEIN

TORONTO — The sounds of Michael Jackson and Duran Duran mingle with the laughter of young teenagers at a pool party and barbecue at the home of Frank Wilson, president, Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith. They are a group of 12- and 13-year-old Israeli children, all of whom lost their fathers in the Israeli wars — some as recently as two months ago.

Moved by the thousands of fatherless children of the fallen Israeli soldiers, while visiting Israel last year, Montrealers Moishe Borek and Dave Mintz decided to bring some of them to Canada for a visit. They wanted the trip to include a stay at a camp, so that they could meet Canadian kids their age, as well as tour.

"It is in the nature of a bar or bat mitzvah present from Canadians," said Moishe Borek. "In four or five years these kids will be entering the military themselves. Chances are, especially with no fathers, that they will never have this opportunity again."

The idea was enthusiastically received by Camp B'nai B'rith. Last summer the first group of 48, all children whose fathers had been in the Tank Corps, arrived at Mirabel Airport.

They attended a session at Camp B'nai B'rith. To facilitate integration, two Israelis were placed with each Canadian group.

After camp they were taken on tours of Montreal.

"It was a great success," said Penny Meshwork, executive vice-president of Camp B'nai B'rith. "Not only did the Israeli kids have a great time, but all of the Canadian children and staff benefited beyond our expectations. They now have a deeper understanding of Israel and what the wars are doing to our people."

This summer, 116 children were brought from Israel. The program expanded to include the children of the paratroopers and the Border Patrol Police, as well as the Tank Corps. After a session at Camp B'nai B'rith, the children spent a week touring Montreal, Kingston and Toronto.

Nineteen - year - old Debbie Litwin of B'nai B'rith accompanied them during their stay in Toronto. "I've gotten so much out of being with these kids — I cried when they left," she said, and added: "You hear about the wars but you don't hear much about the aftermath — how people go on living with their loseses."

Israeli psychologist Major Eli Landau, who traveled with the children, said: "It has been a wonderful experience for them. It's amazing the deep friendship that developed in such a short time.

"At first it was a real culture shock — it's so different here compared with how they live in Israel. But they quickly adapted. They are terribly excited by this trip. They've had a wonderful time."

Irving & Helen Mueller

Best wishes to our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for a happy, healthy & peaceful holiday.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Khomeini cracks down on religious sect

Baha'is target of mullahs' hatred

By
HADASSAH BAT HAIM

HAIFA (WZPS) —
Since its establishment in Persia in 1844, the Baha'i Faith has been subject to persecution and oppression in that land. Then, a youth named Mirza 'Ali Muhammad became known as the Bab,or the Gate, representing a doorway through which believers could advance to enlightenment.

Persia was a backward country at the time where the majority of its people lived in misery and ignorance. Power was in the hands of the Moslem mullahs, and women were born to perpetual degradation and suppression. Slavery was an accepted trade and the very small minority of rich citizens lived in unbelievable luxury.

The new religion — heralded by the Bab and established by the Prophet of the Baha'i Faith, Baha'u'llah — now delcared that it was anti-slavery, insisted on monogamy and marital loyalty, forbade the use of drugs and alcohol, provided education for all its children and taught that women are spiritually equal to men, and sit in Baha'i governing councils.

All of these principles (except the ban on alcohol) was the stuff of revolt to the mullahs, and members of the Baha'i faith were assaulted, beaten, burnt, imprisoned, driven from their homes and liable at any time to arrest and execution without trial.

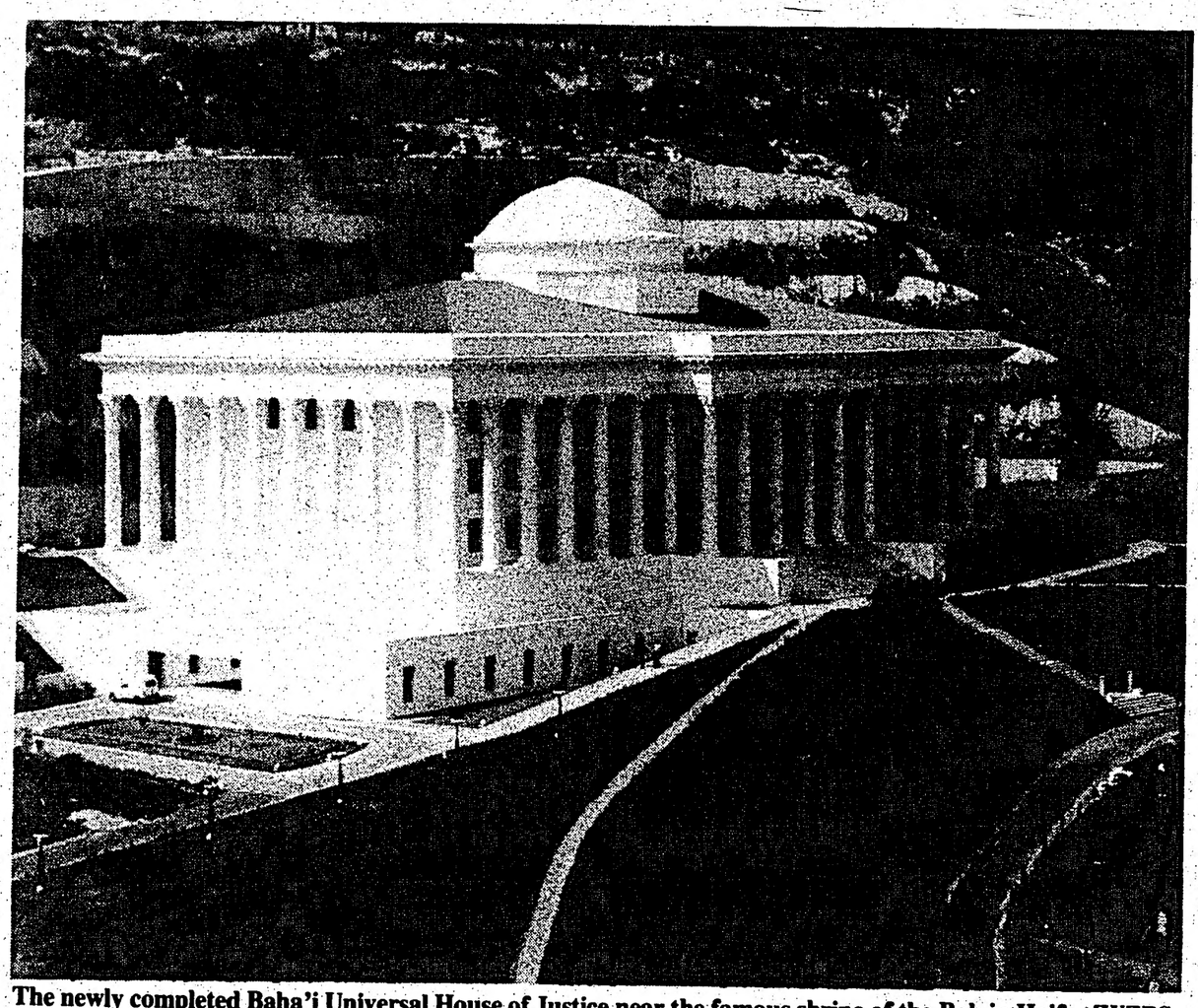
Under Shah Riza Pahlayi and his European-educated son Riza Mohammad, the situation improved. Baha'is opened their own schools and hospitals, many of their business ventures prospered, and several Baha'is were trusted advisors to the royal family. The mullahs were still hostile, but advanced communications protected the Baha'is in world public opinion.

Now, that flimsy shield has been removed as the present government is not concerned with its international image. From the time that the fundamentalists took over, all the minority religions knew that difficult days were ahead.

Christians and Zoroastrians are severely restricted and closely watched, but the special hatred of the mullahs is directed towards Jews and Baha'is: the Jews because they had rejected the teachings of the founder of Islam; and Baha'is because they accept a prophet who came after Muhammad.

The Baha'i faith, represented at the United Nations, is denied the status of a religion by the Khomeini regime. There are currently more than 300,000 Baha'is in Iran, but the government maintains that it is just a wayward sect of Islam which must be coaxed back into the fold.

If Baha'is prove recalcitrant, they must be annihilated. In February 1983, the president of the Islamic court in Shiraz stated publicly that there is no place for Baha'is in Iran, and members should recant or they will be dealt with "like other hypocrites . . . who have religious and satanic gatherings."



The newly completed Baha'i Universal House of Justice near the famous shrine of the Bab in Haifa. [WZPS photo]

The pattern of persecution is all too familiar. It begins with the arrest and disappearance of the leaders, then the warning to employers not to employ Baha'is. Wholesale dismissals follow, businesses are confiscated, hospitals are denied supplies and then closed down.

Villages were the majority of people were Baha'is have been set on fire, and villagers have been made to stand in the blazing sun for days without food, water or shelter.

Announcements have been made that some of the Baha'is arrested would be hanged, but the names have not been given in order to terrorize the rest.

One woman was executed for prostitution, though living with her own husband — the Baha'i marriage ceremony is no longer recognized by the authorities. . . .

So far there is evidence of the execution of at least 142 members of the Baha'i faith, with many reports of torture beforehand. The family of one such victim was charged for the expenditure of the bullets used in his killing. Many hundreds of Baha'i men and women are in prison with little hope of freedom being granted.

Until recently, many Baha'is were able to leave, but permits to get away from Iran are now not obtainable. The Baha'is are being held hostage, not allowed to gather, to bury their dead or to educate their young.

Baha'is around the world are doing what they can to help their co-religionists in Iran by trying to rally public opinion.

Protests have been made by the United Nations, President Reagan, the European Parliament and many democratic governments. But the Islamic Republic of Iran has banned Baha'ism sworn to do away with it. The prospects for the Baha'is in Iran are grim indeed.

One of the accusations against the Baha'is in Iran is that they are Zionists and spies for Israel. This is because the World Centre of the Baha'i Faith is in Haifa, in Israel.

In fact, the Baha'i faith has been associated with the Holy Land since 1868 when Baha'u'llah, founder of the faith, arrived on its shores as a prisoner and exile.

He had been banished from his native Persia, and remained incarcerated in the prison city of Akko and its environs until he passed away in 1892. His shrine near Akko, (Acre) and the shrine of the Bab in Haifa, are the two most holy places in the world for Baha'is.

It was Baha'u'llah who told his followers not to teach his faith in the Holy Land, and this practice is still followed. The Baha'is have no missionaray activities in Israel.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Traditionally, fasting has four faces

By
BERNARD S. RASKAS

Yom Kippur is the only fast day mentioned in the Five Books of Moses. Since time immemorial, Jews have fasted on this day.

There are many explanations for refraining from food for 24 hours but, basically, it is to indicate that "we mean business" and we are not concerned with ordinary needs but spiritual matters.

Traditionally, there have been four reasons for what the Torah calls *inui nefesh*, "self-denial."

Firstly, fasting is penance. It demonstrates that we show contrition for the wrongs we have done and the good we have failed to do.

Secondly, fasting is a form of self-discipline. Self-indulgence and lack of self-control frequently lead to sin. Rabbis, as well as most religious teachers, are aware that disciplining oneself is never easy, but they have all insisted on its value.

Thirdly, fasting is a means of focusing on the spiritual. Although Judaism recognizes the bodily instincts and the need for their gratification, yet it understands the importance of encouraging the spiritual needs of a human being. By fasting on Yom Kippur the needs of the body are left unattended for 24 hours and the Jew gives all his or her concentration on the things of the spirit. The Midrash teaches that during this period we become ethereal like the angels.

Fourthly, fasting is a means of awakening compassion. By knowing what it means to go hungry, even for a day, our hearts are moved for those who suffer. By fasting we are moved to think of the needs of others and to try to alleviate their suffering.

Fasting has its practical aspects as well. Though it may be hard to believe on Yom Kippur afternoon after 24 or so hours of fasting, most healthy adults can survive well over a month without eating.

The ancient rabbis who formed our rituals ruled that children, sick persons, pregnant women, etc. are exempt from fasting.

Fasting is not punishment, rather it is a device to achieve a spiritual end. However, in medical records there is found recorded a curious case that illustrates the practical aspects of fasting.

During the Korean War a seriously wounded solder was brought into the field hospital. The doctor ordered an immediate operation in order to remove a bullet from his stomach. The operation was successful.

Later the doctor told the soldier, "You were a lucky guy. Your insides were clean and we could easily find the bullet and there was less danger of infection. If you had food in your stomach and we would have had to search, you might very well have died." Then he added, "By the way, how come your stomach was so empty?" The soldier answered, "I am Jewish. Today is Yom Kippur."

Be that as it may, the primary purpose of fasting is ethical. Fasting is not an end in itself. Rather it is to serve as a stimulus to moral improvement. It is for this reason that the prophetic reading on Yom Kippur morning is taken from the 58th chapter of Isaiah:

"Is this not the fast I have chosen?
To loose the chains of wickedness,
To undo the bonds of the yoke
And let the oppressed go free.
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry?"

The prophet warned that the act of fasting in and of itself was not sufficient to attain the highest level of ethical morality; it must be accompanied by deeds of charity and sincere repentence.

During one Yom Kippur a congregant told Rabbi Hayyim Sandzer that another congregant who was both wealthy and miserly had fainted due to the fast and asked if he could give him water. "According to the law, you can give him a spoonful of water," the rabbi said.

A few minutes later the congregant reported to the rabbi that the man revived but felt faint and requested more water. This time the rabbi said, "Tell him he can drink as much water as he wishes provided he donates a hundred dollars to charity for each spoonful of water." As soon as the rabbi's ruling was told to the revived congregant, his thirst disappeared and he felt sufficiently refreshed to continue his Yom Kippur prayers.

The story is the best commentary on the purpose of fasting on Yom Kippur.

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Promised Land's site in doubt

NEW YORK (JTA) — Prof. Kamal Salibi, chairman of the department of history and archeology at the American University in Beirut, claims that the Promised Land of the Bible was not ancient Palestine but a 200-mile strip of fertile land along the shores of the Red Sea in what is now Saudi Arabia, Newsweek Magazine reported in its Sept. 10 edition.

"Salibi's geographical revisionism is based on an extensive survey of Saudi towns and villages, comparing them with thousands of place names found in the Bible. His method is essentially linguistic," Newsweek said.

His claims are disputed by University of Pennsylvania archeologist James Sauer, president of the American Schools of Oriental Research, who points out that Salibi reached his conclusions by linguistic analysis alone, ignoring the testimony of historians and archeologists.

According to Sauer, "Archeologists have come up with evidence in the ground that Hebron and Jerusalem are where the Bible says they are.

Salibi identified biblical Hebron as Khirban in the Asir district of Saudi Arabia. He contends that King David's Zion is present day Siyan in the same region and predicts that excavators will find ancient Jerusalem underneath either Arwa Salam or Ali Shrim, not far away.

Ancient Hebrew, he points out, had no vowels. By dropping those that were added when the modern version of the Hebrew Bible was edited (between AD600 and 1000, centuries after Hebrew ceased to be the principal spoken language of the Jews) Salibi discovered what he considers striking correspondence" between place names in the Saudi region and those in the Bible, Newsweek explained.

By the same token, Salibi argues that there are hardly any biblical place names among the thousands of place names in Palestine. He has just completed a manuscript on the subject, entitled The Bible Came From Arabia.

According to Newsweek his labor of five years "is likely to be dismissed by most scholars and scorned by Israelis and Saudis alike."

But Salibi predicts that Jerusalem, along with Sodom and Gomorrah and King Solomon's mines will eventually be unearthed in Saudi Arabia.

"In 10 or 20 years it will be common knowledge," he says. "Until then, Salibi says he is prepared to be a pariah among scholars — and even before nations," Newsweek reported.

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Perthes disease victims treated

HAIFA —

An interdisciplinary team of scientists at the Technion here have developed a successful procedure for the surgical treatment of Perthes disease.

Already successful in several operations, the innovative method is the product of joint efforts by Prof. Yehuda Charit, a descriptive geometrist, Dr. Moshe Roffman, an experienced orthopedic surgeon, and Dr. David Mendes, head of the orthopedic department at Rothschild University Hospital here.

The present approach was first imposed by Mendes.

Perthes disease, the causes of which are not completely clear, results in damage to the child's hip joint by deforming the femoral head.

The hip can be envisaged as a ball and socket joint, the head of the femoral leg bone being the ball that fits into the acetabulum socket. If not treated in time, that deformation can result in lifelong invalidity.

Deformation of the femoral head can be repaired by the organism itself — if further damage to its still soft "ball" is prevented.

To that end, it may be enough to immobilize the child for a period of weeks and months — in itself not a simple thing to do — but in many cases surgical intervention is necessary.

That aims at changing the femoral head's position, so that the entire damaged area shelters under the protection of the acetabulum, the "socket" in the hip bone, giving the body a chance to repair the damage.

Such operations have been made much simpler, and their success more certain, by the application of advanced geometrical analysis to the problem.

Charit's study of the problem showed that the femoral head's necessary reorientation can be accomplished by a single oblique cut of the femur, the mutual rotation of the two parts of the bone and their consequent fixation.

There is no need to remove any bone wedges.

To help determine the precise angle of the cut and the extent of rotation necessary, Charit developed graphic modeling and computer programs that make it possible to analyze each case, producing the precise angles that will assure success.

Two of those angles determine the position of the cut to be made; two others will align auxiliary reference pins, drilled into the femur above and below the proposed cut before that is made.

Those pins make it simple for the surgeon to achieve the correct degree of rotation, without having to take complicated measurements while the operation is in progress.

A promise by Golda Meir key to building of Israel

By
BETTIJANE EISENPREIS

Traditionally, the High Holy Day season is a time when Jews speak about promises.

In the ancient Kol Nidre chant, we repeat the words of our persecuted ancestors in Spain, praying that all vows under duress be abrogated.

And we also pray for the strength to fulfil our promises to ourselves and our children, to be better human beings and better Jews in the year to come.

So it is appropriate to look back at another promise, one made by a famous Jewish woman at this time of year 34 years ago.

In the fall of 1950, Israel was in desperate straits. Immigrants, chiefly survivors of Nazi persecution, were flooding its shores at the rate of 200,000 a year. With its resources already drastically depleted by the staggering costs of its War of Independence, the 2-year-old nation was faced with the task of providing homes and jobs for the new arrivals and, at the same time, building a modern economic infrastructure.

Israel's leaders had the foresight to understand that this kind of development could not rely on charity. They needed low-cost loan dollars, dollars which they would repay in the years to come.

A conference of Jewish leaders, convened in Jerusalem by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, endorsed the concept of floating an Israel Bond issue and agreed that this concept should be presented to the leaders of North American Jewry.

As a result, a conference of leaders of major American Jewish organizations was called in Washington to hear Golda Meir, then Israel's minister of labor and public works.

Asked what security Israel could offer, Golda made the following pledge:

"I don't know what security we can give you or what security you can ask for.

"There is only one kind of security that I think I can offer you on behalf of the government of Israel.

"I can offer you the gilt-edged security of the people of Israel.

"But also I can offer you our children, the children of the old-timers, and the little Yemenite children and the Iraqi children and the Romanian children who are growing up in Israel — proud, safe, self-respecting Jews.

"They will pay back this debt, which they are honor-bound to pay back with interest."

Now, 34 years later, those who believed Golda's promise have helped to build Israel into a modern, industrial state. Since the inception of the Israel Bond campaign, $6.7 billion in Bond proceeds have helped to build every aspect of Israel's economy — roads and railroads, highways and harbors, industries which have provided hundreds and thousands of jobs, and much more.

More than $3.3 billion has since been repaid and no matter what crisis befell the nation, every interest payment has been made in full and on time.

During this High Holy Day season, more than one million tab cards imprinted with Golda's pledge will be distributed to congregants in more than 1,100 synagogues in the United States and Canada which will be holding Israel Bond High Holy Day appeals.

As the synagogue members read Golda's words, they will know that the children she mentioned have indeed grown into "proud, safe, self-respecting Jews."

But the people of Israel are now confronted with economic difficulties in this, its 36th Anniversary Year. They are forced to bear the burden of the largest per capita defence budget in the world. In the effort to turn the economy around, government budgets are being cut and Israel's citizens are tightening their belts.

The nation faces the challenge of reducing its trade deficit and increasing exports by further developing its burgeoning high-technology industries. At the same time, it must continue its ongoing development projects.

North American Jewry has the privilege of sharing in these development programs and demonstrating unity with Israel through the Israel Bond High Holy Day Appeals.

Golda Meir made a promise. North American Jews must continue to help Israel realize that promise. If it does, the future of Israel — despite all its current economic difficulties—will indeed be promising, a future of continued economic growth, progress, of peace.

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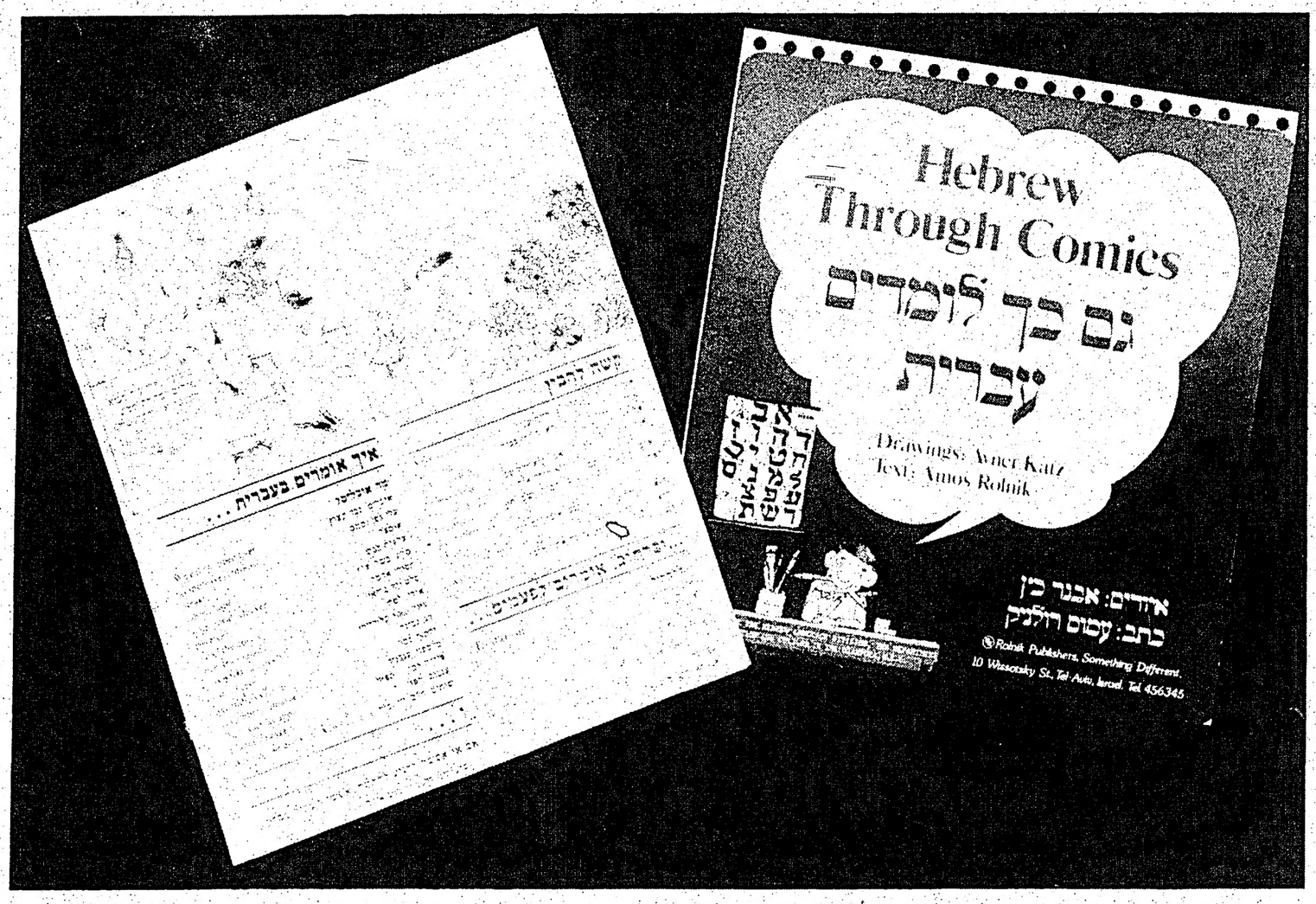

After the success of the aleph-beth, Learn Hebrew, a new publication, Hebrew Through Comics, has now appeared. [WZPS photo]

New Hebrew comic book seen as adventure in learning, humor

TEL AVIV — After the worldwide success of the famous aleph-beth Learn Hebrew Tongue of the Prophets, Language of Today poster, which also appeared as greeting cards, puzzles, etc., a new publication Hebrew Through Comics has now appeared, the third in the series.

Now being distributed throughout the Jewish world, it is published by Rolnik Publishers — Something Different, with the assistance of the Hebrew Language Division of the WZO department for education and culture in the Diaspora.

The unique features in this 22-page color booklet are first the use of typical conversation from casual encounters in Israel which appear in the comics, and second, the accompanying grammatical and linguistic explanations.

This combination transforms the booklet into an adventure in learning as well as in humor.

It is available ($6 including postage) from the Hebrew Language Division, POB 92, Jerusalem, or from the publisher at 10 Wissotsky St., Tel Aviv.

ORT's biennial parley to be held in Winnipeg

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — About 200 women from 10 cities across Canada will be gathering in Winnipeg Oct. 28 to 31 for Women's Canadian ORT 17th biennial convention.

At Convention 84, whose theme is "Ancient People — Modern Vision," members will take part in discussions on such topics as membership expansion, the role of the new volunteer, fund raising and new projects.

Diane Uslander, national executive director of Women's Canadian ORT, says that an important part of the convention will be a look at technological training in Canada.

"We will be looking at the possibility of bringing some ORT experience on technology to Canada and possibly establishing an ORT program in Canada," Uslander says.

ORT is currently the leading network for vocational and technical education in Israel. It claims to provide more technical and vocational education to young and adult students than any other institution in Israel. A tour will be taken of a similar technical school in Winnipeg.

Co-chairman of the convention from Winnipeg are Joann Smith and Faigie Lazareck.

Anne Houpt, president of Toronto council, will be leading the Toronto delegation of about 30 women.

Naomi Gross, acting national president, is leading the Montreal delegation of about 20 women, who will include Sylvia Zeltzer, president of Montreal region.

Guest speakers at the convention will include Mary Lou Findlay, co-anchor of CBC's the Journal; Joseph Harmatz, director-general, World ORT Union, Pearl McGonigal, lieutenant-governor of Manitoba; Helen Hayles, executive director, Winnipeg Volunteer Centre; Lorrie Hopwood, director of development, St. Boniface Hospital; Leslie Hughes, Winnipeg CBC journalist.

New officers will be elected.

Further information on the convention can be obtained through the ORT office at 3101 Bathurst St., Suite 404,or call (416) 787-0339.

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Non Jews on kibbutz spread the good word

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

As you read these lines, around 8,000 young people, 90% of them non-Jewish, are working as volunteers in the kibbutzim and moshavim of Israel. The total for the year will be well over 60,000.

What began some years ago as a spontaneous outburst of support for Israel in a time of trial, has now become institutionalized in a form that provides benefit and satisfaction to both sides.

Or does it?

Israel serves as a magnet to the restless, curious, adventurous, travel-hungry youth from all parts of the world, but the majority of the volunteers seem to come from Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Britain, Finland and the United States.

The news has spread by word of mouth that one can come to this interesting country as a tourist, and by putting in a stint of daily work on a kibbutz, or with families on a moshav farm, receive in return room and board, a bit of pocket money, and opportunity to travel about and see the land.

Volunteers are expected to stay for a minimal period, but thereafter they are free to move on. Their income is small, but their needs are few, and most of them return home with words of praise and with recommendations to their friends to follow in their footsteps. They have been called Israel's unpaid ambassadors of goodwill.

There is a chronic shortage of unskilled help in rural Israel, and the only source of additional working hands has been Arabs, most of them from Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Despite the ideological prohibition against hired help on the kibbutz, the ban is strictly observed only in the extreme left wing settlements, and it has been estimated that as many as 50,000 men and women drawn from neighboring towns are on kibbutz payrolls.

In some places lip service is paid to the letter of the socialist principle against exploitation of labor by refusing to use them in agricultural work. Since more than 50% of the economy of the kibbutzim is today based on industry, the hired labor in effect become factory hands.

Volunteers, of course, are another matter. Don't they feel exploited? Tom Janssen, 22, from Holland, told me: "Exploited? Why, maybe yes, but what difference does it make? I have a good time and a chance to see Israel at no cost." This is his second year here.

Mike Palmer, of New Zealand, said he didn't come to make money. Since his kibbutz jobs are rotated from time to time he never finds it monotonous.

Scott Schindler, who came from New York, has another point of view. He knows the situation well. He first came to Israel five years ago as a volunteer and for the first three years worked in four kibbutzim and eight moshavim. Now he has become a permanent settler and an Israeli. He speaks up in protest against the system.

He agrees that the volunteers come here of their own free will, knowing what to expect, but he finds it unjust and unsocialistic that the kibbutzim also benefit financially. If not for the volunteers they would have had to pay the going wages, instead of the $15 a month doled out to the foreign youth, he says.

He is all for continuing the basic structure as it now exists, perhaps with some betterment in the conditions under which volunteers live, and an improvement of the human relations in some kibbutzim. All the volunteers surrounding us nodded their heads in approval.

But Schindler adds one revolutionary element. The kibbutzim should pay for the benefits they receive. A fixed sum, say $50 a month per volunteer, should be paid into a new national fund to be publicly administered. It could add up to several million dollars a year. The money thus accumulated would then be available for some major national project which could range anywhere from building hospitals to engaging in vital agricultural research.

There is no lack of causes. This idea would restore justice to the whole operation, he claims. The volunteers would have the feeling that they were making an additional contribution to Israel, and their prestige in the eyes of the public would rise accordingly.

Scott Schindler developed his idea further, but no one either in the government or in the kibbutzim was willing to listen. And so he resorted to a device that has become characteristic of Israel: he called a protest demonstration. There was an ad in the English press, and he personally distributed thousands of circulars calling on all volunteers to join in changing the situation.

One hour after the time set, less than 20 volunteers had shown up, and most of these out of curiosity. One attractive girl in shorts listened for a while and then strolled away. I pursued her and asked her opinion.

"Yeah," she said. "It might be a good idea, but I've got to get back to the kibbutz. I'm on turkey duty tonight."

Schindler, discouraged, is considering dropping his campaign.

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Jerusalem still gets the spotlight

Tel Aviv anniversary receives little publicity

By
ARNOLD AGES

TEL AVIV —
Israel's largest city, Tel Aviv, is celebrating its 75th birthday this year.

Unless you are in Israel, however, you would not be aware of it.

The reason? Israel's tourist agencies, at least those connected with governmental circles, have done relatively little to publicize the event.

As in the past, government resources continue to be poured into advertising the merits of Jerusalem, the country's capital, rather than Tel Aviv, the nation's cultural and social centre.

The situation is all the more bizarre when one considers the following facts:

Tel Aviv is Israel's largest city: it houses almost 400,000 residents and during the day expands to close to three-quarters of a million people.

With the exception of half-a-dozen intrepid governments, th vast majority of the world's diplomatic representatives use Tel Aviv as an ambassadorial site.

The city has the most vigorous theatre and book publishing facilities in Israel, including the famous Habimah Theatre, which was transplanted into Tel Aviv from czarist Russia.

Tel Aviv has more book stores per capita than any other city in the world.

The best kept secret about Tel Aviv, the city that started as an all Jewish settlement outside of Arab Jaffo 75 years ago, is the newly developed ocean front.

A decade ago Tel Aviv's shoreline was punctuated by vistas of dilapidated housing, seedy bars, cheap hotels and unattractive kiosks selling uncovered foodstuffs.

The area was certainly not the place for Israel's "smart set."

The situation began to change when Shlomo Lahat, a dynamic former general (reputed to have been one of the youngest Israelis ever to be promoted to that rank) was elected to the post of Tel Aviv's mayor.

Accustomed to the no nonsense approach of Israel's army, Lahat set out to reconstruct the city's fallen face through a series of dramatic urban renewal projects.

The gossip in Tel Aviv is that Lahat had to face more than one wall of obstructionism in his attempt to change the appearance of Israel's major metropolis.

Despite the lethargic response to his multi-faceted urban renewal projects, Lahat bulldozed ahead and 10 years later Tel Aviv can now boast of some of the finest examples of city renewal to be found anywhere in the world.

The most spectacular transformation occurred along the city's seashore. There, a combination of private enterprise and city government concerted efforts to raze the shacks and other ungracious structures that dotted the area.

Architects were engaged to redesign the Mediterranean littoral in order to make it a peopleplace.

The result is a 3-mile promenade which stretches from the centre of Tel Aviv almost to the tip of the neighboring municipality of Yaffo. Known as Hebrew as "tayelet," or walkway, the promenade is constructed of interlocking reddish tiles which convey a feeling of casualness and comfort.

Unlike the promenades in other seaside towns, the Tel Aviv version has two advantages: it permits an unobstructed view of the Mediterranean along most of its path and it provides chairs for those who wish (at no charge) to sit a while and experience the grandeur of Israel's sun, sand and (in the evening) stars.

Urban renewal also brought huge investments from the international hotel chains and most of them are now represented along the reborn Tel Aviv shoreline. The most spectacular is the Tel Aviv Hilton, one of the first groups to build on the beach. The Hilton has a 17th floor observation and sun deck (opposite its executive tower suites) which presents an unparalleled view of greater Tel Aviv.

The Sheraton and Shiff chains also have representation on the beach strip.

One of the most interesting views of the Mediterranean, however, can be obtained in the lobby lounge of the Ramada Continental where architects have thoughtfully included huge windows looking out on the beach and the ocean.

Tel Aviv's wondrous climate (it never rains between May and October) has made the city's promenade and beach area popular rendezvous with both tourists and city dwellers. This year during the holiday of Shavuoth, in early June, we saw upwards of 300,000 people using the bathing areas to swim, windsurf, sunbathe and play various racket ball games.

The promenade has an articulated "bulge" near the hotel district; it is called "Kikar Ha'Atarim "and on several levels there is a score of open air restaurants, pizza parlors and cafes. Many of them feature free salad bars with the purchase of a meal.

On May 31 this year Tel Aviv's city fathers gave a party at the Kikar to celebrate the city's 75th birthday. They invited the citizenry to attend a gala music performance by the Israeli Philharmonic. The guest singer was Monserat Cavaillat, the brilliant Spanish soprano.

On the day of the concert the Israeli newspapers provided maps instructing motorists how to reach the promenade area without suffering undue traffic congestion.

Apparently it didn't help. Tel Aviv not only had a massive traffic tie-up but also the biggest audience in the history of the country. More than 200,000 people showed up at the Kikar to listen to the Philharmonic and its guest singer.

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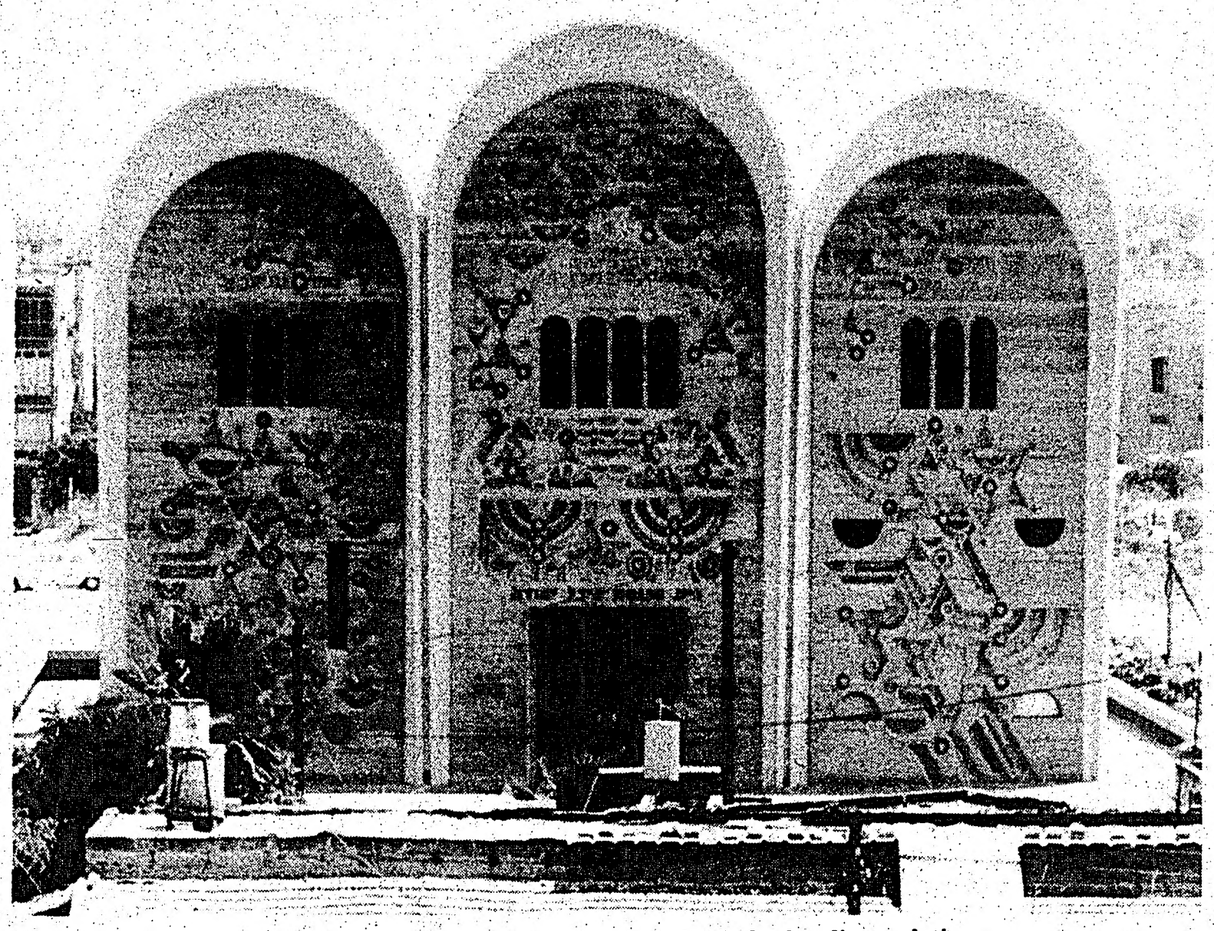

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Presence a kind of symbol

Getting to kibbutz a hair-raising ride up cliff

By
ARNOLD AGES

TIBERIAS — Although it was inaugurated as late as 1978, Kibbutz Mavo Hama is already one of Israel's most unusual agricultural collectives.

It's a bit off the beaten tourist path. Visitors wishing to pay a visit to this unusual commune will have to make special arrangements.

One of the reasons is that the special access to the kibbutz requires transportation either by car or minibus. None of the regular Egged or United Tours buses make the trip to kibbutz Mavo Hama.

The reason? The kibbutz lies on the top of an isolated promontory on the Golan Heights. At an elevation of about 1,500 metres, the kibbutz is accessible only through a spiraling highway whose hairpin turns occasion either exhilaration for the intrepid traveler or — mortal fear.

The ascent to Mavo Hama, including the short approach ride from the northern Israeli city of Tiberias, takes about half an hour. The last 20 minutes of it provide the tourist with a breathtakingly beautiful view of northern Israel, Syria and Jordan.

That vista is reason enough for the Israeli government to have authorized the construction of the kibbutz, straddling as it does the vital crossroads of the north.

The Golan Heights were wrestled from the Syrians in 1967 after an assault by Israel's famous Golani Brigade. For the previous 19 years, Syrian gunners had used Lake Tiberias and the Israelis fishing on it as target practice.

The presence of kibbutz Mavo Hama is a kind of symbol, therefore, that Israel will never again permit its citizens to function on the sufferance of hostile neighbors.

That's one of the reasons why, when PLO infiltrators, tried in early June of 1984 to penetrate the kibbutz, they were apprehended within hours by Israeli soldiers. The whole area where the kibbutz is located contains not only numerous army camps but an electronic fence with a supersensitive detection skin. It was an irritation on that skin which alerted border soldiers that a penetration had occurred.

Kibbutzniks with whom we met to discuss the terrorist incursion were concerned because nothing similar had taken place in the previous 10 years. There was speculation, therefore, as to whether the incident was an isolated one or whether it heralded something more ominous.

One of the kibbutzniks suggested that the terrorists had been engaged in a probe to ascertain the strength of Israeli defensive positions. Another indicated that the infiltrators had surrendered without firing a shot as soon as they had been seen. A third expressed astonishment at the age of the terrorists — mere boys, we were told.

The kibbutz itself had already assimilated the terrorist "raids" by the time we arrived at Mavo Hama some two weeks later. The 200 members of the collective are simply too busy with their obligations and chores; they cannot afford the luxury of excessive analysis.

The kibbutzniks preferred to speak more about the acccomplishments of Mavo Hama — which aligns itself with the Mapai movement politically and is quite left of centre. Its ideology, however, does not go as far as the Shomer Hatza'ir.

This issue was raised by our queries on how Israel's rampant inflation affects the kibbutz sector.

While the kibbutz is an expression of the socialist ethos, it cannot disengage itself from the economic system which surrounds it. The kibbutz interacts with the outside environment: its products must be brought to market, and in this way the kibbutz suffers like other parts of Israel from the inflationary spiral.

Despite these difficulties the kibbutz has made amazing strides in its 7-year existence. Its computerized irrigation gantries have been methodically programmed to make periodic sweeps over the kibbutz's crops in a way that not a drop of sweet water is wasted.

Several members of the kibbutz spoke about the pride of the collective in its cotton production. We were told that contrary to the conventional wisdom, Egyptian cotton is no longer the world's best. Mavo Hama makes the claim that its cotton is superior to the Egyptian variety.

We were unable to ascertain whether the claim was true or simply a bit of kibbutz bragadoccio, but the enthusiasm of the kibbutz's promoters was infectious.

Mavo Hama's achievements in agriculture are all the more laudatory given the inclemencies of weather on the Golan. The summers are fiercely hot and in the winter howling winds (and occasional snow) make life difficult.

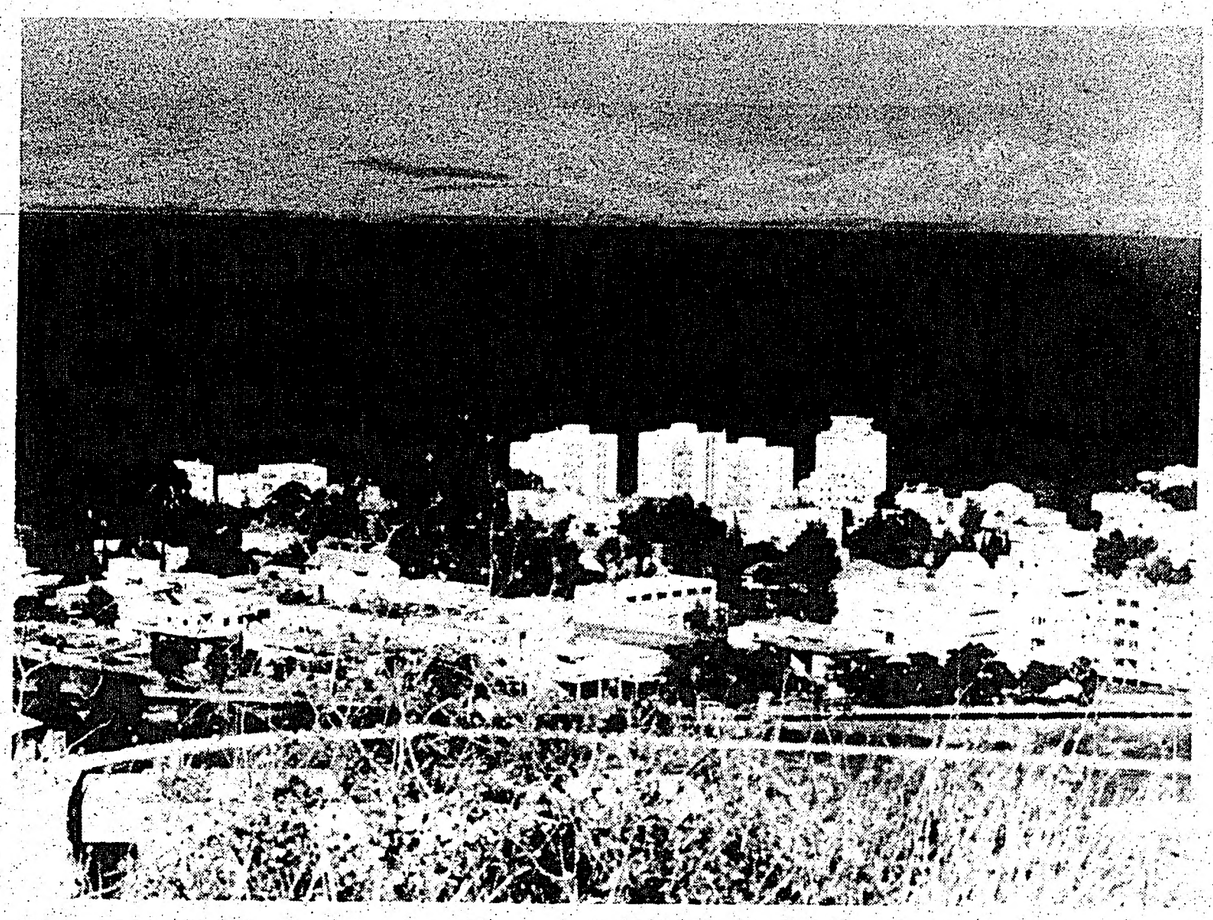
Those problems, however, have not deterred the impressive growth of the kibbutz. The comfortable apartments that the kibbutzniks occupy are cheery and more than a few are equipped with color television and videocassette recorders.

The large number of children on the kibbutz shows that the biblical commandment to "be fruitful and multiply" has been scrupulously observed.

There are so many toddlers on the kibbutz that native ingenuity has been put to work and the result is the invention of a mobile playpen (a cross between a playpen and a supermarket buggy) which kibbutzniks push around in order to entertain their children while transporting them.

While the Bible's first commandment on fertility has been realized in the kibbutz, its other imperatives are not so closely adhered to. The kibbutz in fact has no synagogue. The holidays, we were told, are observed primarily as agricultural festivals.

What happens when a child reaches the age of bar mitzvah? Arrangements are made to have the boy celebrate his bar mitzvah at another kibbutz on the Golan Heights where synagogue facilities are available.



Kibbutz Mavo Hama is situated almost at the centre of the Golan mountains facing the city of Tiberias.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Designed jewelry in kibbutz

World leaders buy sculptor's work

By
HELENA FLUSFEDER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Sculptures in silver and gold — from David slaying Goliath to Moses waiting to receive the 10 commandments — characterize the work of Yaakov Heller, whose Jerusalem studio is a landmark for all interested in the work of Israeli artists.

The artist, 43, now has more than a dozen skilled craftsmen working for him in his modern studio. His sculptures have been presented to world leaders, like Gerald Ford and Hosni Mubarak.

Heller was born in Cleveland in the U.S. in 1941 and studied art and design: "art was always my hobby and jewelry was more of a commercial thing so I could afford the materials for sculptures," Heller said. He began his career in a small way with painting and jewelry-making.

Coming to Israel in 1972, he went to Kibbutz Urim where he continued to design jewelry.

However, he soon moved to Jerusalem and began to work and exhibit in the Jerusalem House of Quality. It was an exhibition here that first gained him real exposure. Then he moved to Studio 2 on King David St. and began to sell the now-familiar figures in gold, silver and bronze, using sophisticated techniques involving wax and metals.

Although Heller's vivid imagination has created silver birds in flight, scuba divers, animals and figures of all descriptions, his main source of creativity and inspiration has been the Bible. This is especially true, Heller says, since he has been in Israel — and it is really in Israel that his art and career have flourished.

He discovered that there was little competition in his field in Israel: "It is much easier here (Israel) — the artist is put on a professional basis. In the United States, the artist doesn't have that respect."

After the Yom Kippur war, Heller became closer to themes taken from the Bible, and later designed figures taken from both the Old and New Testaments. It was one of his earliest statues — of David and Goliath — which brought him prominence and launched his career.

In 1974, Leah Rabin (Yitzhak Rabin's wife) came to Heller's studio and saw the statue of sterling silver and gold plate — representing the struggle of a small people against overwhelming odds. She thought it would be a good presentation for President Gerald Ford — from Yitzhak Rabin — as symbolic of Israel's situation just after the 1973 Yom Kippur war.

Although 90% of Heller's work is made for export (largely to North America and Holland), he also gets requests like the one from the Israeli air force to produce the silver birds which have become an emblem. One of his latest sculptures of Moses watching the commandments being written, has attracted the attention of the Mt. Sinai Medical Centre in the United States.

As we walked around his studio and work rooms, Heller explained his creative processes. They begin in wax and silicone rubber and continue in a process he calls "lost wax casting" in which the figures are put into a centrifugal machine, and the metal is forced into the cavity of the plaster cylinder, thereby replacing the wax.

Heller explained that coldcasting with silver cyanide is used for his larger sculptures.

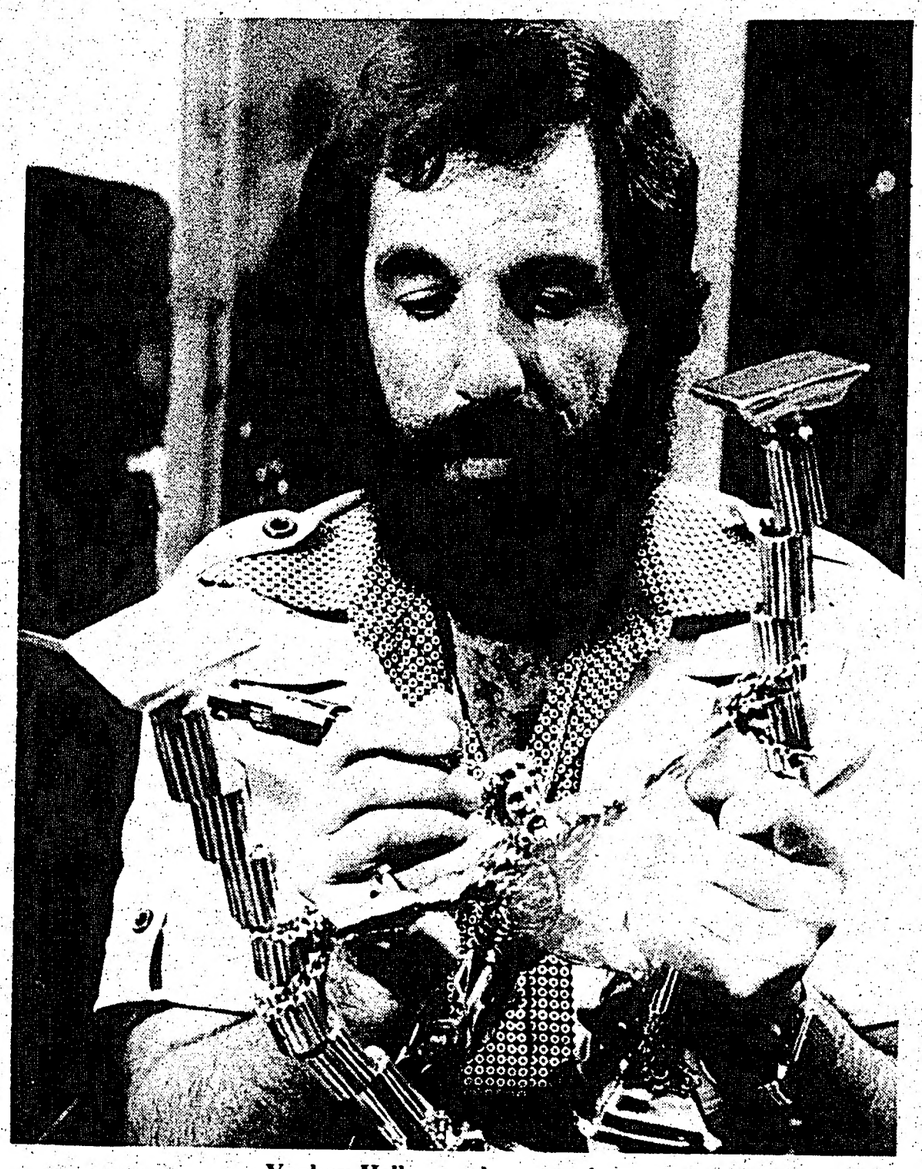
Standing on Heller's desk was an army of wax figures — ranging from a small castle to robed knights. They are part of a unique chess set Heller is creating of the Israelites and the Phillistines, in gold and silver plate. The order, with minute specifications about the costumes, came from an American rabbi and has already been duplicated. Next to these figures (and just for fun) was a wax bear curled round a honeypot.

Amongst the drawers full of jewelry, Heller picked out an example of a small silver foot. Andrew Sorelle, a petroleum engineer from Texas, has been looking for oil in Israel. His tool — the Bible (which suggests there may be oil in certain parts of the country). The Texan ordered a number of silver feet to be made inscribed with the words "and let him dip his foot in oil," in order to commemorate his quest.

From his first statue of Jonah and the Whale to a whole line of animals, dancers, figures from a chess set and a wide series of biblical scenes, Yaacov Heller has become one of the country's foremost artists.

His appeal, which has already attracted people as diverse as the Israeli air force, tourists, an oil prospector, insurance companies, rabbis and companies all over Israel, seems to expand constantly.

What is more, he is one of those artists whose Israeli character helps him to make his name outside Israel as well as at home. It is fitting, therefore, that Heller's thriving studio should be situated in the very heart of Jerusalem — an equal attraction to Israelis and to admirers from abroad.



Yaakov Heller works on sculpture.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Participation evident

Canadian flag flies over kibbutz

By
BEN ROSE

—HAIFA —

In the beautiful, and now fertile valleys of the central and lower Galilee, 60 new settlements have flowered.

Among them there is much evidence of Canadian participation, and at Galil Canada near Kibbutz Lotem, our flags fly in a stiff breeze, where names of Canadian communities and benefactors are listed.

Our guide on a 1-day tour through Galil Canada is Mordecai Karniel, a Jewish National Fund representative in the area. A bronzed, cheerful man who lives on the kibbutz near Tiberias where he was born, Karniel eases his Subaru to the shoulder of the road and an aged Bedouin approaches the car with two grandchildren in tow, their eyes wide with curiosity. Karniel and the old man talk animatedly for several minutes, the Bedouin's headdress flowing in the breeze.

"He is one of the few Bedouins who did not accept the government's offer to settle elsewhere," the JNF guide explains later. "I've come to know him well over the years and I had to decline his offer to go to his place now for tea. He is the soul of hospitality."

Canadian Jews have undertaken to raise $14 million in three years to finance 14 of the new settlements in the Galilee, he explains further over a delicious lunch of chicken shnitzel in the gleaming new city of Carmiel. "The government feels that the 80 Arab towns in this part of the Galilee should all have Jewish neighbors."

And so the energy which immigrants and others used to transform this area into green jewels through reforestation over the past 30 years is now switched to building cities and towns, moshavs and kubbutzim based on electronics, medical biotechnology, plastics, small manufacturing workshops and services.

The city of Carmiel, for instance, emerges almost miraculously as our guide takes a turn off the winding highway. If not for the Hebrew signs, one would take the wide streets, greenbelts, pedestrian malls, and airy plazas as a prize-winning planned community in southern California.

At Lotem, named after an Israeli flower, 30-year-old Marc Marcus, who came to Israel from Milwaukee as a volunteer in the Yom Kippur war, proudly shows us through a plastics factory. (He was only going to stay six months, but has married a sabra and they have two daughters.)

The automated assembly line is producing fittings for sewage lines,

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covers for butter dishes, egg-laying mats (which in North America are sold for shower and car mats), caps for electrical outlets, and parts for games under a subcontract for the Israeli toy manufacturer, Orda.

"This is a very competitive business," Marcus says. "If we miscalculate the operation of our machines by even one second, we'll lose any profit."

Outside the factory are huge piles of sewage fittings awaiting shipment.

Later, as we pass a new school going up, and a single-file line of young Israelis carrying building materials to a site where a bulldozer is operating, Marcus says: "We are one of the few places where Jewish people are doing all the building, from start to finish. We've had to train ourselves in some of the trades."

We look over to the side of a hill, about 500 yards away, where bulldozers are literally carving their way down the hillside to prepare a site for further building.

Kibbutz Lotem has 60 members, Marcus says, but at any one time 30 of the young people are just going into the army, or just coming out, so everyone has to be ready to switch jobs at short notice.

At Moshav Kalamit, overlooking a shimmering valley, Karniel escorts us through a 3-year-old settlement of 35 families, who are 2nd-generation kibbutzim. There are so many families wanting to move to Kalamit, where the quality of life is known to be high, that a long waiting list exists.

Only the sound of a goat bleating and the cries of a few children at play break the stillness, as the wind billows our sleeves at an observation point. At the home of Helen and David Dorn (he is a pilot and like most of the members works outside the moshav itself) there is no answer but we walk along the neat rows of herbs growing in the sand for which the Dorns are well known.

"This is a vegetarian community," Karniel explains, "and there is interest in organic foods. Many of the settlers here believe in yoga and meditation. There is space only for a few new families every year, and when they come they are on probation for a year. There is an effort made to bring in families of different ages."

As if to emphasize the lack of housing, we pass what Karniel calls caravans, but what we would call mobile homes in Canada.

At Manof, 40 families from South Africa have established a private enterprise community which does not fit the category of a moshav or kibbutz, though a governing committee supervises the operation of municipal services.

Larry Fener, who came from South Africa four years ago, runs a shop making and selling artificial diamonds. A former lawyer has set up a workshop making playground equipment. One workshop makes contact lenses, another metalwork products, another does printing.

There is an architect and a beautician. A few members have hot houses where they grow miniature carnations in a cloning process, which are exported to Europe. Strawberries are grown in these hot houses too. Two doctors and a veterinary surgeon work in Haifa but live in Manof.

This unique settlement is still expanding and some Israeli-born families have joined the newcomers from South Africa.

In the brightly-decorated recreational lounge, a woman is selling souvenirs and cold drinks under a blue and white umbrella. A large group of retired employees of the Zim company, on an outing from Tel Aviv, are listening intently while a guide explains the strategy of resettlement in the Galilee to them.

While we wait for coffee to brew, the Zim pensioners leave the hall to walk around the settlement. Another tour bus drives up and disgorges its occupants, this time a group of British Jews, who quickly take the seats vacated by the Zim pensioners. Their guide takes his pointer and uses maps to explain the resettlement process.

Soon we are on the highway again. We can see Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) in the distance. Leaving Galil Canada behind, we head for Tiberias.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Singer works hard to create own style

By
ERIKA OYSERMAN

TEL AVIV —
Like many other Israeli performers, Shlomo Artzi started his career with one of the entertainment troupes of the IDF (Israel Defence Forces), singing the usual schmaltz songs and breaking the hearts of teenage girls.

Today at 35, he still sports the same neat crew cut and a candid appearance, both reticent and reserved. Yet as he expresses himself nowadays in his somewhat sorrowful romantic songs, where the words as well as the music are poetry, Shlomo Artzi occupies a very special place in Israel's world of music.

The singer stems from an average, middle class family. His father, lawyer Yitzhak Artzi, is one of the leading figures of the small centrist independent Liberal Party. Until the recent municipal elections, he served as deputy mayor of Tel Aviv and he will represent the ILP in the 11th Knesset.

Both parents came to Israel from Boukovina, Romania; his mother spent most of the war years in a Nazi concentration camp. "I grew up in the shadow of the Holocaust," Artzi once said in an interview.

Artzi, who writes both his own words and music, has worked hard for many years to create his unique style. Subconsciously, or perhaps intentionally, he identifies with such French troubadors of sorrow as George Brassant.

"Life is not at all easy," he says, "and it's more sorrow than joy. My songs are not happy songs. I agree that 'there are no happy loves,' as Brassant said."

All this, in spite of the fact that he himself is happily married and the proud father of three children.

His new long playing record, Dance, presenting nine songs, promises to be a big success. This latest record is the result of six months of intensive labor: long bouts spent carefully working over each word and musical chord. It is a collection typical of the singer's very personal style — and this seems to be exactly what a considerable part of the Israeli public wants after a diet of innumerable and lacklustre imitations of Western pop music in the last 20 years.

In his 14 years as a performer, Artzi has had many ups and downs. "Israel's Hit Parade," he says, "is completely different from that abroad. Our songs are rated according to the number of postcards radio-listeners send in. In the past, my songs climbed to the top and I was chosen singer of the year. The public, however, did not buy my records nor flock to my performances."

Nevertheless, unlike other Israeli singers, Artzi never appears in night clubs or at privately-sponsored shows.

Shlomo Artzi

Asked if his songs are the result of inspiration or of careful planning, he says: "Inspiration means hard work, it never comes of its own accord."

He always jots down his impressions, even when traveling. "Something is always happening," he says, "and I try to translate it into words and music. I myself am often surprised by the results."

Though his profession is music, he has what one might call a special conscience as well.

In his own life, as well as in his songs, one gets a glimpse of his concern for people. Not long ago he worked as an unpublicized volunteer in a northern development town; once he even toyed with the idea of going into politics — but soon gave it up.

Is Artzi somehow representative of his generation with its trials and tribulations, conflicts and open doubts? Perhaps. The following words from one of the songs in his new record may hint at the answer:

"We are like songs,
Carrying on in rhythm.
We have seen people crying in sorrow,
We've already said so many words,
What did we mean to say . . .?"

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Rookie puts spirit into flagging team

By SIMON GRIVER

HAIFA [WZPS] — In what pundits agreed was Israel's most thrilling soccer season ever, Maccabi Haifa, led by an Arab rookie sensation, came from a long way behind to clinch the championship at the last gasp. This exciting competitiveness at club level reflected a depth of talent at talent that could see Israel making its mark on international soccer during the coming decade.

The match that decidded the 1983/84 champpionship for Maccabi Haifa, the first such title in its history, was a slim 1-0 victory over Ramat Amidar. This maintained the single point lead that Haifa had grabbed the previous week in their penultimate game. Until then Betar Jerusalem had led the league table for 18 consecutive matches —for most of the time with a seemingly inassailable lead.

And when Betar Jerusalem had clambered into the top spot early in the season, Maccabi Haifa was languishing in an indifferent 8th position.

Soccer star Zahi Armeli

It was a 20-year-old Israeli Arab from the Galilee village of Shfar'am who made all the difference. Zahi Armeli, whose local village team plays in Israel's 3rd division, was purchased by Haifa in the hope that he would carry on scoring goals as he had done at the lower level. And score goals he did. With his powerful headers and precise long shots he notched up a tally of 13 goals in the 20 remaining matches.

Moreover, Armeli was named footballer of the year by two Israeli newspapers and earned himself a place in the Israel national team where he scored goals in victories over Eire and Santos of Brazil. In the national team Armeli formed a partnership with Israel's other goalscoring Arab hero, Rifat Turk of Hapoel Tel Aviv.

Like Turk, Armeli sidesteps the inevitable political questions about what it means for an Arab to be playing for Israel. He is simply an Israeli Arab who is happy to be representing Israel, he says.

After all, Armeli is caught between the devil and the deep blue sea. Strong pro-Israeli sentiments by such a prominent Arab personality would almost certainly make him the victim of PLO terror, while Palestinian nationalist views could see him in trouble with the Israeli authorities. "I'm a footballer not a politician," he says. "I know how to play football but I don't know how to solve the problems of the Middle East."

While Armeli's contribution to Maccabi Haifa's league title was crucial, the champions are hardly a 1-man team. Goalkeeper Ari Ran's dependability and the steadfastness of defenders like Rafi Osmo and Yossi Kremer are vital components of the team. The creative midfield talents of Baruch Maman and Armeli's partner in attack, Moshe Selektor, scored vital goals at decisive moments. It was Selektor's title winning goal in the final 1-0 victory that sparked off delirious celebrations in Haifa's Kiryat Eliezer Stadium.

The city's residents danced into the night. Fortunately there were no ugly scenes, for a small core of Maccabi Haifa's fans can be unruly. After a game against B'nei Yehuda, some supporters attacked the opposing team's bus with stones. Consequently, Maccabi Haifa was compelled to play its next game behind locked doors at a radius of more than 20 miles from Haifa. Ironically that game was against closest rivals Betar Jerusalem and Haifa triumphed 2-1.

In fact the members of Betar Jerusalem themselves were forced to play their first six games away from home due to hooliganism by their fans the previous season. In the event Betar performed better during its punishment period than afterwards.

But the problems of crowd vandalism and violence aside, Israeli soccer seems set for some good years. Much of this has to do with decisions off the pitch.

Firstly FIFA, the world soccer body, decided in May that Israel would not have to play all its World Cup qualifying matches away from home. Thus Australia, New Zealand and Taiwan will have to travel to Israel, providing it with the home field advantage, and this enhances Israel's chances of reaching the 1986 World Cup finals.

Perhaps more important, in June, UEFA, the European soccer body, set up a study commission to examine whether Israel should be allowed to compete in European tournaments. Entry into European soccer would have revolutionary consequences for the game in Israel, boosting attendances and financial income, and offering players much more opportunity to compete at the highest level.

And Israel has probably never had so many good players. Aside from the Maccabi Haifa stars, Betar Jerusalem boasts midfielder Uri Malmillian, generally considered the king of Israeli soccer and Eli Ohana, a 19-year-old striker who like Armeli has emerged as a superstar this last season.

Hapoel Tel Aviv forward Moshe Sinai could soon be signing for the famous English club Manchester United while Maccabi Tel Aviv's Avi Cohen (formerly of Liverpool), Vicky Peretz (formerly of Strasbourg) and Moshe Gariani (Brighton) have all had top flight European experience abroad.

Much of this improvement in Israeli soccer can be attributed to more professionalism and the possibility for top stars to earn as much as $2,000 a month. Next season is expected to be a close run championship, with Maccabi Haifa and Betar Jerusalem renewing their tussle, with last year's champions Macccabi Netanya, Hapoel Tel Aviv, Maccabi Tel Aviv and surprise cup winners Hapoel Lod all in with a chance.

The only sure winner should be the country's soccer fans.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Geriatric core remains

Indian Jewish community dwindles over time

By
SUSAN BURES

SINGAPORE (JTA) —
The ancient Indian Jewish community, its origins dating back 2,000 years ago, and which endowed schools and hospitals and participated in all aspects of Indian life, is almost extinct.

Singapore Jewry, once 4,000 strong, intimately linked with the development of this island state, which in the person of David Marshall gave Singapore its first chief minister, now numbers less than 300 people.

The Jewish presence in Asia, which came in the main with the European trading links centuries ago, is now token, if it exists at all. This is partly historical, the result of wars and mass migrations of Europeans out of the region.

Whatever the causes, and despite the rebirth of these communities in some areas through the same trade links which formed them in the past, many, if not most, of the Jewish communities in Southeast Asia appear doomed.

Their populations have fallen below the critical mass necessary to ensure their natural continuance. The young Jews are either assimilating, moving to larger Jewish centres, like Australia or the United States or making aliya to Israel.

What is left in some communities is a geriatric core, overlaid with a pitifully small number of young to middle-aged, most of whom realize they must move on, or move their children on, to retain any semblance of Jewish identity.

These developments were reported here recently at the Asia Pacific Jewish Association (APJA) conference attended by leaders from 10 Asian and Pacific Jewish communities. They represent communities ranging in size from 250 in Thailand to 75,000 in Australia.

In view of these developments, the APJA conference should have resembled a wake, with leaders mourning the demise of their once proud communities. But the meeting was far removed from that. What was apparent among the delegates was a determination to continue.

There was a clear sense that, while aliya was the preferred, and in many ways the only long-term solution for the smallest communities, the onus was on the current leaders to provide sufficient Jewish education and Jewish identity for their young so they would not be lost totally to Judaism.

Despite their smallness in absolute terms, and the relative decline for some communities from their once inflated numbers, the leaders have decided not to despair but to plan for the future in cooperation with the other regional communities.

Australia, which at most international Jewish conferences is the small relative, here looms inordinately large. For a community of 60 families, such as Manila, the 75,000 strong Australian Jewish community seems like paradise.

And it is Australia which is assuming the mantle of regional responsibility where, the conference agreed, international Jewish organizations have not been active in the past.

The APJA president, Isi Leibler, who also heads the Australian Jewish umbrella organization, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, warned that given the role of the nations of Asia, particularly such significant powers as the People's Republic of China and Japan are already playing, and are certain to play in the 21st century, world Jewry ignores the region at its peril.

Ethiopian Jew's ailments keep doctors busy

JERUSALEM —
Many of the Ethiopian Jews emigrating to Israel arrive suffering from diseases and ailments which are completely unknown in the West or which haven't been treated by Western doctors for hundreds of years. The doctors are often forced to play detective as well as physician in order to find a cause and a cure.

When 10-year-old Truma Ingdau was rushed to Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem from the Kiryat Arba Absorption Center recently, he had been in Israel only three days.

The child had high fever, vomiting and diarrhea. Because of language problems, no one could diagnose his illness or reassure the boy or his father that he was being properly cared for. An interpreter was secured and an impressive transformation took place.

First, the father told the dramatic story of their departure from their homeland. The family had left Ethiopia three months earlier, via Sudan. From there, the family walked for 30 days until they reached Halpo. They were sent to France by a United Nations relief organization, and thence to Israel.

Dr. Tami Zechariah treated the child, who was thin and underdeveloped, looking much younger than his 10 years. His face appeared to be all eyes, luminous and afraid, until the interpreter explained what the doctors and nurses were doing and that he would soon be well enough to rejoin his family.

Truma vomited up an askaris (maw-worm) almost 40 cms. long, which had been lodged in his intestines — something not seen in western medicine for at least 50 years. The child was well on his way to physical recovery.

The interpreter's services also affected a marked emotional change. The child laughed and played with the toys that he was offered.

He made a special friend of Ahmed, an Arab orderly in the ward, who learned some Ethiopian words from Truma and taught him some Arabic in exchange.

"Truma left Shaare Zedek not only physically cured," according to Amalya Oren, the hospital's social worker, "but reassured that in his new country, he is among friends. No longer will he be called a 'Falasha,' a stranger. He is now a Jew among Jews and an Israeli."

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Dizzying choice of events

Music festival draws top artists

By
HELENA FLUSFEDER

Japan's Sankai Juku Dance Troupe being lowered upside down from the walls of Jerusalem's Old City. [WZPS photo]

JERUSALEM(WZPS)— The crowd stood awestruck, with mouths agape as Japan's Sankai Juku Dance Troop heralded the opening of Israel's month-long celebration of music, dance theatre, and film by descending upside down Jerusalem's Old City walls.

Yet the happening, as viewed as part of the Israel Festival in its entirety, was but a sampling of the plentiful and diverse cultural offerings presented to the public during the celebration.

In the course of its 4-week long duration, the recent Israel Festival drew many of the world's most celebrated artists to Jerusalem. And along with them came tens of thousands of spectators, including many tourists.

For the 150,000 spectators who lined Jerusalem's streets, parks and theatres, the festival offered as alluring a reason for pilgrimage to the historic city as the city's religious and historic shrines themselves.

This year's festival was unique on many counts. For the first time since the festival's introduction, a single Israeli city hosted the festivities. The decision to move the entire celebration to Jerusalem rather than dividing it into various locations nationwide, is attributed to the festival's organizers who hoped to facilitate the creation of a truly festive atmosphere by centralizing the venues while luring people the world over to Israel's capital city.

In the end, the reality by far surpassed the hope. Though the last minute decision to move the entire festival to Jerusalem proved detrimental to the publicity program, the festival drew advance ticket sales of 60,000 instead of the anticipated 10,000.

Scheduled simultaneously with the annual Jerusalem Festival, the combined Israel Festival offered crowds a dizzying choice of events in all the performing arts with as many as seven performances to choose from nightly.

Festival artistic director, Avital Mossinsohn's inspired work and $1.25 million in allocations from the foreign ministry, tourism ministry, the Jerusalem municipality, the Jerusalem Foundation and the Jewish Agency, provided for successful recruitment of leading performers.

Mossinsohn cast his net far and wide, booking artists he had met at the Edinburgh Festival, such as actress Claire Bloom and the Odin Teatret, an innovative Danish theatre group whom he had been trying to lure to Israel since 1973.

From the raptuous sounds of Jean Pierre Rampal's flute to the mellifluous voices of the Teatro Alla Scala Opera Company, one of the most acclaimed in the world, Jerusalem reverberated everywhere with song, dance, music and drama.

For a month the theatres, open spaces, and amphitheatres of Jerusalem were transformed. Multicolored flags lined every street in the city. Everywhere the laughter of children and adults resounded as puppets, clowns and mimes displayed their talents on the capital's side streets and in the arcades of the old city.

Beneath the skies of Jerusalem, every idiomatic setting became the backdrop of a performance. Venues included the citadel built on top of the old city walls by King Herod in the 1st century BCE, the Sultan's Pool — once the reservoir of the Old City and today an amphitheatre — the Jerusalem theatre, and the Mount Scopus amphitheatre.

The richness of the festival's entertainment offerings was unparalleled. Jerusalem's ever-rich musical scene was enhanced by visiting musicians including the Brandeis Quartet from Germany, the Scottish Early Music Consort, and the Brigham Young Choir, all of which performed amidst the local and national orchestras and choirs.

Bloom's program of Shakespeare heroines and Edin Teatret's Ashes of Brecht were sold out within days of the box office opening and were particularly well received. Traditionally conservative Jerusalem audiences received Lindsey Kemp's bizarre performances of Flowers based on Jean Genet's My Lady of the Flowers with unexpected enthusiasm.

Meanwhile, the nearby Cinematheque film centre was holding festivities of its own, hosting a 3-week film festival. With over 100 films shown from 20 countries, as well as premier screenings of five Israeli films, the film festival attracted its share of international stars.

Attending the festivities were the likes of Warren Beatty, Lilian Gish, and Jeanne Moreau and renowned film directors John Schlesinger and Andre Delvaux.

Art lovers were not forgotten either. In various locations throughout Jerusalem an exhibit celebrating 80 years of Israeli sculpture was held. Drawing large crowds daily, the exhibit proved to be as successful as the performances and added to the pervasiveness of the festive atmosphere.

With plans for future festivals now under way including negotiations with as many as 50 well known companies throughout the world, the 1984 Israel Festival proved that Jerusalem lends itself to arts festivals like no other city in the world and that Israel's glorious capital has joined the ranks of other premier festival cities worldwide.

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